MILITARY COLLECTION No. 386

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File 22

GENERAL HEADING – British West Africa - Nigeria. &c.

SUB-HEAD – Disposal of invalided Indian clerks from N. Nigeria and inefficient clerks - Feroze Khan. Sheik Nazar Mohamm Return to India

To India, No. 241 p. 4 dated 8 Feby 1907.	Reports arrangements made respecting Feroze Khan, Naik, invalided from Northern Nigeria.
To India, No. 28 p. 2 dated 15 Feby 1907.	Forwards correspondence giving reasons for resignation of appt by Sheik Nazar Mohammed, Clerk N. Nigeria; & his return to India.
To India, No. 48 p. 2 dated 22nd March 1907.	Forwards correspondence &c 8 Indian Clerks who have resigned their appointments in N. Nigeria.
To India, No. 83 p. 4 dated 17th May 1907.	Do do
To India, No. 85 p. 1 dated 24th May 1907.	Do. do.
To India, No. 90 p. 2 & 3 dated 31st May 1907.	Do. do.
To India, No. 97 p. 3 dated 14th June 1907.	Do. do.
To India, No. 101 p. 2 dated 21st June 1907.	Do do.
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GENERAL HEADING – Continued

SUB-HEAD –

To India, No. 23 p. 6 dated 14 Febry 1908.	Forwards Colonial Office letter reporting the death of Naik Raja of the Transport Dept Northern Nigeria.
To India, No. 58 p. 1 dated 27 March 1908.	Correspondence with W.O. respecting two Indian transport subordinates invalided from Northern Nigeria
From India, No. 27 p. 9 dated 5 March 1908.	Forwards correspondence regarding an appeal from Vet^n Duffadar Rustam ali for refund of travelling expenses.
To India, No. 85 p. 8 dated 15 May 1908.	Forwards letter from Colonial Office regarding Duffadar Rustam ali and requests that Govt will pay him £16-17-0 and send home his receipt for the money.
From India, No. 58 A p. 26 dated 11 June 1908.	Inability to ascertain the village & district in India to which the late "Raja" a Naik employed in the Transport Dept. Northern Nigeria belonged.
To India, No. 148 p. 1 dated 14 aug 1908.	Naik Raja made a family allotment in favour of his father Wardana Sharaf, Village Metamohra, Post-Office Kassali, Tehseel, Rawalpindi.
From India, No. 68 A p. 9 dated 16 July 1908.	Forwards appeal for certain allowances from Nazar Muhammad, an Indian clerk, lately employed in Northern Nigeria.
To India, No. 165 p. 5 dated 11th Sept 1908.	Forwards copy of a Despatch from Governor of Northern Nigeria recommending Mr. Mirza Mohamed Beg an Indian clerk now employed in that colony for employment in India

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GENERAL HEADING - (Continued)

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To India, No. 171 p. 2 dated 18th Sep. 1908.	Forwards copy of a letter from the Colonial Office regarding an appeal for certain allowances made by Nasar Muhammad an Indian Clerk recently employed in Northern Nigeria.
From India, No. 119 p. 4 dated 12 Nov. 1908.	Forwards receipt of Vety Duffadar Rustum ali for amount of trav. expenses refunded. from Nigeria to India
To India, No. 1 p. 20 dated 1 Jan 1908.	Fds copy of letter from the C.O. regarding the sum of £7.10.0 due to Veterinary Duffadar Rustam ali recently employed in Northern Nigeria & requests that amount may
To India, No. 64 p. 14 dated 28th May 1909.	Forwards corr. recd. from C.O. re appn. by Mirza Mohamad Beg recently employed in N. Nigeria, for grant of land in the Punjab
To India, No. 103 p. 8 dated 20 Aug. 1909.	Forwards copy of a letter from the Colonial Office regarding two sums of £15.6.8 and £20, which should be issued to Mirza Mohamed Beg and debited to the Imperial Government
To India, No. 122 p. dated 15 Oct. 1909.	Forwards correspondence regarding £8 which should be issued to Mirza Mohammed Beg.
To India, No. 145 p. 9 dated 24 Dec 1909.	Forwards copy of correspondence with Mirza Mohamed Beg complaining that he is unable to obtain the £35. 6. 8 and the £8 and drawing attention to the two paras above of 20th August 1909 and 15th Oct 1909
From India, No. 19 p. 6 dated 3 March 1910.	Fwds receipt for £35/6/8 & £8 paid to Mirza Beg.

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INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.,
19th May 1910.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to prefer a claim for £43. 6. 8 in respect of payments made to Mirza Mohamed Beg in accordance with Colonial Office letters of 22nd July and 23rd, September 1909, No. 14323 and 30584, and to request that this sum may be transferred to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England.

A Receivable Order is forwarded herewith. Receipts for the sums of £35. 6. 8 and £8 were forwarded to the Colonial Office with Mr.Seabrooke's letter dated the 23rd March last, No. M.3308.

I have &c.,
(Sd.) Lionel Abrahams,
Financial Secretary.

(TRUE COPY)

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
Whitehall Gardens,
S.W.

U. S. Hall.

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INDIA OFFICE,

23 MAR. 1910

Sir,

With reference

~~In reply~~ to your letter of the 1st Dec. last, No. 37820 I am directed to ~~inform you that~~ enclose receipts for the sums of £35.6.8 and £8 paid to Murja Mohamed Beg an Indian clerk recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

I am S.

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(Sd) J. H. SEABROOKE,
Asst. Military Secretary.

Section No. 1873.

Sent

(Form 10.)

5877. I. 987. 10,000.—5/1909. [I. 1059.]

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EXTRACT PARA. 6 OF AN ARMY DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, No. 19, DATED 3RD MARCH 1910.

* * * * * * *

6. We forward receipts for the sums of £35-6-8 and £8 paid to Mirza Mohamed Beg, an Indian clerk, recently employed in Northern Nigeria. [*With reference to correspondence ending with paragraph 9 of military despatch No. 145, dated India Office, the 24th December 1909 (M-16,096).*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) MINTO.

" O'M. CREAGH.

" H. ADAMSON.

" J. O. MILLER.

" W. L. HARVEY.

" G. FLEETWOOD WILSON.

" S. P. SINHA.

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Extract para. 6 of an Army despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 19, dated 3rd March 1910.

6. Receipts for certain sums paid to Mirza Mohamed Beg, an Indian clerk, recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 19, dated the 3rd March 1910.

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
		Enclosures to para. 6.	
1	Dated 16th December 1909.	From Mirza Mohamed Beg.	Receipt for £35-6-8.
2	Dated 18th January 1910.	From ditto.	Receipt for £8-0-0.

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No. 145 para, 9

Dated 24 DEC. 1909 190 .

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9. I forward a copy of a letter† from the Colonial Office regarding Mirza Mohamed Beg, an Indian clerk, recently employed in Northern Nigeria. Authority for the payment to him of the sums of 35*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and 8*l.* was given in paragraph 8 of my Despatch No. 103, dated 20th August 1909, and paragraph 12 of my Despatch No. 122, dated 15th October 1909 respectively, and a copy of the despatch from the Governor of Northern Nigeria, recommending him for employment in India, was forwarded to you with paragraph 5 of my Despatch No. 165, dated 11th September 1909.

M 16,096.

† Dated 1st December 1909, and enclosures.

(Sent in advance by mail of 10th December 1909.)

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The Secretary to the Government of India,

Army Department.

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INDIA OFFICE,

6 DEC. 1909

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith an advance copy of a paragraph regarding Mirza Mohamed Beg, an Indian clerk recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) BEAUCHAMP DUFF,
Lieutenant-General.
Military Secretary.

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General,

Military Secretary.

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4730. I. 2345. 250.—12/1908. [I. 474.]

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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Reference to previous correspondence.

Letter ~~to~~ from the Colonial Office of the 23rd of September No. 305-84.

Downing Street,
1st December 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you a copy of the papers, noted below, on the subject of Mr Mirza Mohamed Beg, one of the Indian Clerks lately employed in Northern Nigeria.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FRANCIS J. S. HOPWOOD.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Date.	Description.
4 November 1909	Mr Beg to Colonial Office Enclosure.
1st December -	Colonial Office to Mr Beg.

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Tibbi Street, Lahore,

Dated 4th November 1909.

My Lord,

Your humble memorialist Mirza Mohamad Beg, lately a clerk of the 1st Grade on the Northern Nigeria Protectorate, West Africa most respectfully begs to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 30584/1909 of 23rd of September last, informing him that your Lordship has very kindly granted him a further sum of £8 for which he had appealed to your Lordship in his letter of 22nd August last, and he offers his heartfelt thanks for the same.

2. Your humble memorialist has noted your Lordship's decision contained in paragraph 2 of the above mentioned letter from the Colonial Office, and submits to the same.

3. In reply to your Lordship's 3rd paragraph of the same letter from the Colonial Office, your humble memorialist regrets to inform your Lordship that up to now he has been unable to find a clue to any correspondence between the India Office and the Government of India on the subject of either the payment to him of both sums of £35.6.8 and £8, said to have been forwarded him through the Government of India, and he begs to enclose some of the replies received by him, or of an offer of a post asked for, and your humble memorialist

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again approaches your Lordship with an humble request that your Lordship will have mercy on him and his family and take steps to enable him to secure an appointment in one of the several offices of Indian Empire, and ask India Office to pay him the money as well.

Your humble memorialist begs to remind your Lordship that in the despatch sent by Sir E.P.C.Girouard from Northern Nigeria in July 1908, it was contemplated to give India Office ample time to arrange for a post for your humble memorialist on his return in March last but it is a matter of great regret that your humble memorialist has been allowed to face these difficulties, and even 5 months after his return to India have passed away, he finds no way to earn his livelihood.

Your humble memorialist begs to mention here that the Rules current here do not permit an outsider of an age over 25 years to obtain a new appointment and this is the difficulty that your humble memorialist has to experience, and is unable to obtain an employment unless the Government of India takes his cause in its hands.

If however it is impossible to remind and request the Government of India to arrange for an employment for your humble memorialist he craves your Lordship to remind Sir E.P.C.Girouard of his recommendations from Northern Nigeria in July 1908 to the Colonial Office in favour of your humble memorialist and request him to offer your humble memorialist an appointment suitable for a man of his position, experience and age in one of

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the many departments in East Africa, where your humble memorialist is not a stranger, as he was a senior clerk for over a year and a quarter in the office of the Loco and Carriage Superintendent in 1901 -2 and had given help to many officers of both the Railway and the Protectorate Departments while he was there on furlough from his employers in India, and given them lessons in Hindustani.

Your Lordship's humble servant

(Sd.) M. Mohamad Beg.

The Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
London.

Copy of a letter No.1080-364-4.dated 23rd September 1909 from the Secretary, to the Government of India, Revenue and Agriculture Department, Simla, to Mirza Muhamed Beg, Tibi Street, Lahore.

Letter dated 21st July '09

Letter dated 23rd Aug.'09.

In reply to his applications noted in the margin, praying for re-employment in India on the termination of his service in Northern Nigeria and for the grant of a plot of land in the vicinity of Lahore, the undersigned is directed to say that the Government of India are unable to comply with his request for the grant of a plot of land and regret there is no appointment under the Army Department or attached offices which could be offered to him. It appears that before he proceeded to Nigeria he was employed as a clerk in the North Western Railway and he should apply to that Railway Administration on the subject of his re-employment in India.

Copy of a letter No.603 Rev.dated 25th August 1909 from Superintendent in charge for Under Secretary to Government Punjab, Revenue Department, Lahore, to Mirza Muhamed Beg, late a clerk in the Treasury Department Northern Nigeria, Tibbi Streeet, Lahore.

In reply to his letter dated 28th July 1909, the undersigned is directed to inform Mirza Muhamed Beg that no representation regarding his appointment in the Punjab on his return from West Africa nor any recommendation for a grant of land to him has been received in this office.

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Copy of a letter No.11458 dated 18th October 1909, from the Accountant General, Punjab, Lahore, to Mirza Muhamed Beg, Tibbi Street, Lahore.

In reply to your letter No.Nil, dated the 12th October 1909, I have the honour to inform you that instructions to pay you £35.6.8 or £8 have not yet been received from the Government of India.

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Downing Street,

1st December, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th of November and to inform you, in regard to the last paragraph, that any application which you may contemplate making for further employment in the East Africa Protectorate should be addressed to the Agent General in India for British Protectorates in Africa, Apollo Street, Bombay.

2. Copies of your letter, its enclosure, and this reply have been sent to the India Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. V. FIDDES.

MR. MIRZA MOHAMED BEG.

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No. 122 para, 12

Dated 15 OCT. 1909 190 .

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12. I forward copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office regarding a sum of 8*l.* which should be issued to Mirza Mohammed Beg and debited to the Imperial Government in the schedules of the account current. His receipt should be forwarded to me for transmission to the Colonial Office.

M 12,784.

* Dated 23rd September 1909, and enclosures.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 8 *of my Military Despatch, No.* 103, *dated* 20*th August* 1909.]

(Form 5.)

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Reference Paper. **Military Department.**

Referred to Financial Secretary The 27 Sept. 1909

For his information.
J. H. Seabrooke

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Seen and returned with thanks.
A. Robinson
for Financial Secretary.
30th September 1909.

(Form 24.)

4330. I. 1953. 3000.—10/1908.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 30584/1909.

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Downing Street,

23 September 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, with reference to the letter from this Department of the 22nd of July, the enclosed copy of further correspondence with Mr. Mirza Mohammed Beg, one of the Indian Clerks recently employed in Northern Nigeria, and to request that the Government of India may be asked to pay him the balance of £8 there referred to and recover it from the Crown Agents for the Colonies to whom a copy of the correspondence is being sent.

Mr. Mohammed Beg to C.O. 22nd Aug.

C.O. to Mr. Beg 23 Sept. 1909.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. V. Fiddes

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
INDIA OFFICE.

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Copy.

Tibbi Street, Lahore,
India.
Dated 22nd August, 1909.

To the Secretary of State for Colonies,
London.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 22nd July last, number 14323/1909, acquainting me of the departure for India of my compatriots and of the decision regarding my gratuity and detention allowance.

2. I have to thank you for kindly allowing a sum of £15. 6. 8. on account of gratuity to me as per paragraph 2 of your above letter.

3. Regarding paragraph 4 of your letter I am sorry to find that the Agreement signed by me and the Honourable Mr. Geikie on the 3rd May last has not been adhered to. There was not a single condition as to my remaining in England and incuring the expenses I was distinctly told that even if I allowed the matter to remain in the hand of the Secretary of State for the Colonies without any formal agreement, all my just dues would be conceded, and I cannot bring myself to believe that in England, and above all in the office of the Secretary of State (a pillar of the Government) an agreement signed by one of the high officers would not be complied within to the letter.

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letter. I am surprised to find that the agreement has been construed against me and I am thereby deprived of a sum, paltry no doubt in the eyes of such high dignataries as the Secretary of State but considerable to me and those dependent on me. Here in India we expect from the Government not merely justice and mercy but magnanimity and adherence to its promises to the subjects who take their example for faithfulness and loyalty from their rulers. I beg respectfully that you will reconsider the matter, and allow me the balance of £8.

4. When Doctor Sir P. Manson had examined me, it was at my own suggestion, through ignorance of the current charges in the Lahore Hospital that you kindly allowed me 4 shillings a day, but when I came here, I found the rates to be different and admitting with thanks, that the grant made on this account is grace, yet I do not see why that grace can not be extended on the basis of the calculations it was allowed me in the beginning. I shall deem it a great favour if you will kindly reconsider the case and allow me the difference and thus fully complete the act of grace and manifest to people out here how generous and sympathising His Majesty's Government is and can be to those who are a loyal and willing subject.

5. I have written to the Deputy Commissioner of Lahore to please let me know what arrangement has been made on the question of my re-employment for

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letter. I am surprised to find that the agreement has been construed against me and I am thereby deprived of a sum, paltry no doubt in the eyes of such high dignitaries as the Secretary of State but considerable to me and those dependent on me. Here in India we expect from the Government not merely justice and mercy but magnanimity and adherence to its promises to the subjects who take their example for faithfulness and loyalty from their rulers. I beg respectfully that you will reconsider the matter, and allow me the balance of £5.

4. When Doctor Sir P. Hanson had examined me, it was at my own suggestion, through ignorance of the current charges in the Lahore Hospital that you kindly allowed me 4 shillings a day, but when I came here, I found the rates to be different and admitting with thanks, that the grant made on this account is ample, yet I do not see why that grace can not be extended on the basis of the calculations it was allowed me in the beginning. I shall deem it a great favour if you will kindly reconsider the case and allow me the difference and thus fully complete the act of grace and manifest to people out here how generous and sympathising His Majesty's Government is and can be to those who are a loyal and willing subjects.

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6. I hear that Sir E. P. C. Girouard the Governor of Northern Nigeria is about to be transferred to East Africa, and as he was the Officer who recommended me for my re-appointment in India, I beg you to please ask him to give me a chance in the East Africa Protectorate, as I see, in India the Offices are full and it will be a long time before something suitable will be done for me or if it be possible, please request Sir. F. Lugard to please grant me an appointment in Hong Kong, or if there be a chance for me in any other Colony or Protectorate I am quite prepared to leave India and proceed there to serve in any capacity you will be pleased to find suitable for me, as I find time hanging on my hands and my means drawing near its ends without an engagement.

Hoping you will kindly give due consideration

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6. I hear that Sir H. P. G. Girouard the Governor of Northern Nigeria is about to be transferred to East Africa, and as he was the Officer who recommended me for my re-appointment in India, I beg you to please ask him to give me a chance in this East Africa Protectorate, as I see, in India the Offices are full and it will be a long time before something suitable will be done for me or if it be possible, please request Sir. P. Lugard to please grant me an appointment in Hong Kong, or if there be a chance for me in any other Colony or Protectorate I am quite prepared to leave India and proceed there to serve in any capacity you will be pleased to find suitable for me, as I find time hanging on my hands and my means drawing near its ends without an engagement.

Hoping you will kindly give due consideration

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to my humble request and oblige me by an early reply; for which I shall pray for ever.

I beg to remain, etc.,
(Signed) Mirza Mohamad Beg.
Late Clerk in Northern Nigeria,
West Africa.

P.S.

While closing the above letter on mail day (26th August 1909) I received a letter from the Punjab Government, and beg to enclose a copyfor your perusal and action.

No . 603 dated 25th August.

In reply to his letter dated 28th July 1909 the undersigned is directed to inform Mirza Mohamad Beg that no representation regarding his appointment in the Puhjab on his return from West Africa, nor any recommendation for a grant of land to him, has been received in this Office.

(Signed) J. Benjiman,
For Under-Secretary to Government
Punjab,
Revenue Department.

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Downing Street,

23 September 1909

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd of August and to inform you that he has agreed that you should receive the balance of £8 for which you ask in the third paragraph of that letter. The Government of India have been asked to arrange for payment to you accordingly.

2. With regard to the fourth paragraph of your letter Lord Crewe regrets that he is unable to sanction any further payment to you.

3. With regard to the fifth paragraph copies of the letters to you from this Department of the 4th of May and 22nd of July were sent to the India Office on the 5th of May and 22nd of July respectively; and copies of your letter of the 25th of August and of this reply are now being sent to that Office.

4. With regard to the 6th paragraph Lord Crewe regrets that he sees no prospect of being able to offer you further colonial employment.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) G. V. FIDDES.

MR. MIRZA MOHAMMED BEG.

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 103 para, 8

Dated 20 AUG. 1909 190 .

8. I forward a copy of a letter‡ from the Colonial Office regarding two sums of 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 20*l.*, which should be issued to Mirza Mohamed Beg, and debited to the Imperial Government in the schedules of the account current. The receipts should be forwarded to me for transmission to the Colonial Office.

M 9573.

‡ Dated 22nd July 1909, and enclosure.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 14 *of my Military Despatch No.* 64, *dated* 28*th May* 1909.]

(Form 5.)

4753. I. 2367. 1500.—12/1908.

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Reference Paper. **Military Department.**

Referred to Financial Secretary The 27 July 1909

For his information and any observations. a copy of the letter from the Colonial Office will be sent to the Govt. of India. J.H. Seabrooke

Rob

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The Govt. of India should be authorised to pay to Mr. Beg the two sums of £15. 6. 8 and £20, and instructed to debit the amounts to the Imperial Govt. in the Schedules of the Account Current, — and to forward Mr. Beg's receipt.

W. Robinson

29 July/09 for Finl. Secy.

(Form 24.)

4330. I. 1953. 3000.—10/1908.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to--

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 14323/1909.

M 9573 1909

Downing Street,
22 July, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, with reference to the letter from this Department No. 14323 of the 5th of May last, the enclosed copy of a further letter, and of its enclosure, to Mr. Mirza Mohamed Beg, one of the Indian Clerks recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

2. I am to request that the Government of India may be asked to pay Mr. Mohamed Beg the two sums of £15. 6. 8. and £20 mentioned in that letter and to recover the cost from the Government of Northern Nigeria through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

C.O. to Mr. Beg July 22

RECEIVED 23 JUL 1909 INDIA OFFICE.

3. Mr. Mohamed Beg's address is:- Tibbi Street, Lahore.

4. Copies of this letter and its enclosures have been sent to the Crown Agents for their information.

5. With reference to item No. (7) in the third paragraph of the letter from this Department to Mr. Beg of the 4th of May, it should be added that the full amount of the second-class passage money to India was £30. 5. 0, and not £27. 10. 0, as an additional

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
INDIA OFFICE.

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Downing Street,

22 July, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd of June reporting your return to India and to inform you that the other natives of India who left Northern Nigeria about the same time as yourself and were still in this ---country when you sailed for India on the 8th of May, left England themselves for India on the 3rd of July, so that it is now possible to inform you of what is due to you under the agreement which you signed at this Office on the 3rd of May, a copy of which is enclosed for convenience of reference.

2. All of the party who returned about the same time as yourself from Northern Nigeria and left England for India on the 3rd of July were granted four months leave (or gratuity) on full pay. There is due to you therefore under the first item in the agreement one month's full pay i.e. £15. 6. 8.

3. The party received nothing in respect of any claim for increment beyond what was paid to them in Northern Nigeria; there is therefore nothing additional due to you under this item.

4. The party received detention allowance

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continuously up to the 2nd of July inclusive, the Clerks at the rate of 10/- a day and the Transport attendants at the rate of 5/- a day. As stated in the letter to you from this Department of the 4th of May, you received your detention allowance up to the 7th of May inclusive. The Clerks therefore received 10/- a day for the period from the 8th of May to the 2nd of July, both dates inclusive, (-56 days) beyond the time when yours stopped. The amount of the detention allowance for these 56 days is £28. It has to be remembered however that by actually remaining in England for all the period their living expenses for the time were greater than yours in India. Lord Crewe is therefore of opinion that the spirit of the last item of the agreement will be fairly met by allowing you £20 in respect of the full £28 for the 56 days.

5. As regards your hospital expenses Lord Crewe fears that it will not be possible to allow you more than you have already received. I am to remind you that under your agreement the most that you could have received beyond what has been already paid to you, on the ground of ill health would have been full pay up to the date of Sir P. Manson's examination of you on the 27th of April. The difference between this theoretical maximum and what you actually received consists thus of half pay for the period from the 28th of March to the 27th of April, inclusive, i.e. half

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pay for a month and two days. As against this difference you have been granted, towards your treatment in hospital in India, half pay for two months and 4/- a day for the same period. This grant was entirely an act of grace, as it lay outside anything contained in your agreement, and Lord Crewe feels that you have been treated liberally in the matter.

6. As regards the question of your obtaining re-employment under the Government of India, or a grant of land, you state that you hold no record to prove your claim and that you cannot approach the authorities without any document. But you have the letter addressed to you from this Department on the 4th of May last, the first two paragraphs of which deal with the two matters in question.
Further action beyond what is indicated in those two paragraphs lies with the Government of India and not with the Secretary of state for the Colonies.

7. A copy of the present letter has been sent to the India Office with the request that the Government of India may be asked to pay you the sums of £15. 6. 8. and £20 mentioned in the second and fourth paragraphs respectively of this letter.

I am, etc.,

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If the other party after staying here get more than a month's pay as bonus for a year's service, I should get it.

2. If they get compensation for increment II should get it.

3. If they get more detention allowance than what I draw now i.e. up to the 7th of May inclusive by leaving I should get it.

(Signed) R. Geikie.

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additional surtaxe of 10 % (£2. 15. 0) has now been added by the Company and that Mr. Beg duly received both this surtaxe and the amount (16/6 s d) of a third-class ticket from London to Liverpool before he sailed for India.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. V. Brides

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 64 para, 14

Dated 28th May 1909

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14. I enclose for the consideration of your Government a copy of correspondence‡ forwarded from the Colonial Office regarding an application made by Mirza Mohamad Beg, recently employed in Northern Nigeria, for a grant of land in the Punjab.

M 6035.

‡ From Mirza Mahamad Beg to Colonial Office, dated 27th April 1909, with annexure.
To ditto, dated 4th May 1909.
From Sir Patrick Manson to Colonial Office, dated 27th April 1909.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 5 *of my Military Despatch No.* 165, *dated* 11*th September* 1908.]

(Form 5.)

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State,
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and the following number quoted.
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Reference to previous correspondence.

Letters ~~to~~ from the Colonial Office of the 10th of April Nº 11952, *and of the 18th of August 1908* Nº 28769.

Downing Street,
5 May 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you a copy of the papers, noted below, on the subject of the return to India of Mr Liza Mohamed Beg, one of the Indian clerks recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FRANCIS J. S. HOPWOOD.

RECEIVED
5 MAY 1909
INDIA OFFICE.

The Under Secretary of State,
India *Office.*

Date.	*Description.*
27 April 1909.	Mr Mohamed Beg to Colonial Office (Enclosure)
27 April 1909.	Sir Patrick Ranson to Colonial Office.
4 May 1909.	Colonial Office to Mr Mohamed Beg.

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No.213 Euston Road,

London,

Dated 27th April, 1909.

To His Majesty's Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

My Lord,

Your humble memorialist after giving entire satisfaction in the discharge of his duties single handed and showing a saving of £12 a month in August last begged to know if according to paragraph 12 of his agreement would be allowed to have another tour he having resigned his post in India on receiving a short notice to leave for the Protectorate, in reply to the same he was informed that it was not intended by the Government and on my appealing to the Governor and explaining to him how difficult it was for me to find a situation in India and beginning life again at an advance age, the Governor kindly referred the case to your Lordship and in reply your memorialist was informed that the Under Secretary of State for India had been addressed by your Lordship under despatch No.28969/08 dated 18.8.08 to see his way to provide your memorialist with an appointment when repatriated and that when your memorialist visits London on his back to India, he should remind your Lordship which he begs permission to do now and begs to add that he has served for nearly 27 years continually and without a single day's break

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in both the Railway Department and the Chief Court Punjab and encloses the original certificates for your perusal, he having joined the Government service when quite young. He has pointed out in his previous application to the Governor Northern Nigeria and begs to do so again, how awkward will it be for him to be placed under young men already holding positions in the Indian offices, besides your humble memorialist has suffered at the hands of the different climate in Nigeria and his health and eyes are not quite fit to bear the strain of long and tiresome work in an office, and therefore, most respectfully begs that the India Office be asked to see its way to grant a piece of land in Punjab and in the vicinity of Lahore if possible and allow an old servant and loyal subject as your memorialist has proved himself to be, to pass his remaining days in peace.

Your humble memorialist belongs to a respectable class of people in India being a Mogul and Mirza and is well known to Mr.Coldstream a retired Civil Service gentleman now in London, besides the Railway and other employes of the Government in India have been and are being granted such favours in India and if your Lordship moves in the matter and takes pity on your memorialist's condition, he is sure to find no difficulty in obtaining the desired favour.

Your Lordship's humble memorialist

(Sd.) MIRZA MOHAMAD BEG,

late 1st Grade Clerk

in Northern Nigeria.

2 enclosures in original

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North Western Railway.

Certificate of Character (Form A.)

No.22 3. 10. 1905.

Certified that B.Mohamed Beg was employed as Clerk from the 1.10.1878 to the 8.10.1905, when he resigned.

Character. Good.

(Sd.) A.J.CUASE,

Disct.Loco.Superintendent.

Head of Department or District Officer,

Mullan.

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21 Queen Anne Street,
Cavendish Square, W.
27th April, 1909.

Sir,

I have to-day examined Mr Mirza Mohamed Beg, and have the honour to report that he is in good health and fit to proceed to India forthwith. He has had a fistula for the last two years which however, does not seriously prejudice his health. He has expressed a wish to have it operated on in England before he leaves for India. He could be admitted to the Branch Seamen's Hospital for this purpose if desired.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) PATRICK MANSON.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

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Downing Street,
4 May, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of April relating to your return from Northern Nigeria to India and of your further letter of the 27th of April asking that the India Office may be asked to see its way to grant a piece of land to you in Punjab in the vicinity of Lahore if possible.

2. A copy of the last named letter together with a copy of your certificate of character from the North Western Railway of India (the original of which is now returned to you) has been sent to the India Office, as requested by you, with reference to the previous letter sent to that Office from the Colonial Office on the 18th of August last regarding your application to be found employment in India on your return there.

3. With regard to your return to India Lord Crewe has as youhave already been informed verbally, approved of the following arrangements:-

(i) You will receive in accordance with your agreement half salary from the 26th of March (having already been paid full salary up to the 25th of March inclusive,

MR MIRZA MOHAMED BEG.

inclusive, the day previous to your departure from Northern Nigeria, at your full rate of £184 a year) up to the 4th of June inclusive. The last mentioned date is calculated as allowing 26 days (from the 8th of May, the supposed date of your departure from England for India) for the voyage from England to Bombay and two days for the railway journey from Bombay to Lahore.

(ii) You will receive a gratuity of three months full pay, being the equivalent of three months full pay leave from the date of your arrival at Lahore.

(iii) You will receive also the amount of half pay for a period of two months being the period for which it is anticipated that you may be under medical treatment in connection with the operation for the removal of your fistula, together with an allowance at the rate of 4/- a day for the same period (two months) in respect of your hospital expenses at Lahore in the same connection.

(iv) You will receive compensation at the rate of 5/- a month from the 1st of September 1907 to the 28th of February 1909 in respect of the fact that you received one room only in Zungeru as opposed to the two rooms granted to 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade native clerks during that period.

(v) You will be allowed the sum of £4.10.0 claimed by you in respect of your journey from Jebba to Lagos on your way back to England.

(vi) You will be allowed detention allowance at

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the rate of 10/- a day for the 6 days you spent in Hamburg on your way back to England and also for the period from the 22nd of April to the 7th of May, both dates inclusive, spent in England; and also the sum of £1.13.0 being the cost of your fare from Hamburg to London.

(vii) It is understood that you wish to travel overland to India on your way back; you will accordingly be paid the sum of £27.10.0 being the cost of a second-class passage ticket from this country to Bombay, together with £2.5.0 the cost of your railway fare from Bombay to Lahore, but you will be required to defray yourself any further expenses incurred on the journey.

4. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies who have been authorised to pay you as indicated in the foregoing paragraph.

5. The original enclosures to your letters under reply are returned to you.

I am &c.,

(Sd.)

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS.

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 1 para. 20

Dated 1st January 1909.

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20. I forward copy of a letter‡ from the Colonial Office regarding the sum of 7*l.* 10*s.* due to Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali, recently employed in Northern Nigeria, and request that the amount may be issued to him.

M 17,567/08.

‡ Dated 15th December 1908.

[*In reply to your Despatch in the Army Department No.* 119, *dated* 12*th November* 1908.]

(Form 5.)

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Reference Paper. **Military Department.**

Referred to Financial Secretary The 17 Decr. 1908.

For his information.

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The receipt up with Fn. 16811 has been detached and a claim for £16-17-0 is being preferred on the Crown Agents for the Colonies

F W Newmarch

17th Dec: 1908

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 44079/1908.

Downing Street,

15 December, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. M.16811) of the 1st of December, and to request you to inform the Secretary of State for India in Council that he has caused enquiries to be made from which it would appear that Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali, recently employed in Northern Nigeria, is correct in his statement that he did not receive the sum of £7. 10. 0, referred to in the enclosure to your letter, while in this country on his way from Northern Nigeria to India.

2. Lord Crewe regrets that there should have been this inaccuracy in the settlement with Mr. Rustam Ali and I am to request that the sum in question may now be paid to him and recovered from Northern Nigeria funds through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

3. The date in the last enclosure to your letter given as the 13th of July 1907 would appear to be a clerical error for the 13th of March 1907, as Mr. Rustam Ali sailed from this country for India on the 14th

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14th of March 1907.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Stubbs

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INDIA OFFICE,

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Sir,

With reference ~~In reply~~ to your letter of the 23rd April last, No. 10806 I am directed to ~~inform you that~~ forward for the information of the Earl of Crewe an extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India regarding the refund of travelling expenses from Northern Nigeria to India to Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali.

(Sd) O. M. CREAGH. 1.12.08

(Form 10.) Rosa 1.12.08

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EXTRACT PARA. 4 OF AN (ARMY) DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 119, DATED 12TH NOVEMBER 1908.

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4. We attach, for consideration by the Colonial Office, the accompanying communication from the General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division, furnishing Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali's receipt for Rs. 252-12-0 (being the equivalent of £16-17-0), paid to him on account of refund of travelling expenses from Northern Nigeria to India, and representing that the sum of £7-10-0 said to have been already refunded to Rustam Ali, was not actually received by him. [*With reference to paragraph 8 of military despatch No. 85, dated India Office, the 15th May 1908 (M-5,953).*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) C. H. SCOTT.

,, H. ADAMSON.

,, G. F. WILSON.

× Receipt detached + forwarded to brown agts. 7.7060/08 [illegible]

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Extract para. 4 of an Army Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 119, dated 12th November 1908.

4. Receipt from Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali for [Rs. 252-12-0 paid to him on account of travelling expenses from Northern Nigeria to India.

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Enclosure to para. 4 of general despatch No. 119, dated 12th November 1908.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division, to the Quartermaster-General in India,—(No. 1029-A—Camp, dated Murree, the 1st September 1908).

With reference to your letter No. 1360-D, dated 9th June 1908, I have the honour to forward herewith receipt* for Rs. 252-12-0 from Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali of the 19th Mule Cadre, as desired.

* In duplicate.

2. I would, however, beg to point out that the sum of £7-10-0 said† to have been refunded to Rustam Ali, Veterinary Duffadar, was not actually received by him.

† *Vide* paragraph 6 (1) of Colonial Office letter No. 10806—1908, dated 23rd April 1908, copy attached.

The man states that Mr. Adam, representative of Crown Agent, Colonial Office, London, offered him the amount in question on the 13th July 1907, but he refused to take it over, probably on the understanding that he would receive the full amount on account of his return journey from North Nigeria.

3. In the above circumstances, I would request the favour of your addressing the Colonial Office, in view to the refund of £7-10-0 to Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali.

Extract clause (I) of paragraph 6 from Colonial Office, No. 10806—1908, dated 23rd April 1908

(I) Mr. Rustam Ali has already been refunded £7-10-0 out of the £22-10-0 in the circumstances explained in the last paragraph of the letter to him from this Department of the 13th March 1907, a copy of which was enclosed with the letter to you from this Department, of the 3rd of May 1907. Mr. Rustam Ali has accordingly only paid the remaining £15 himself. Lord Crewe is willing that he should receive this balance of £15 from the Government of Northern Nigeria.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 119, dated the 12th November 1908.

Enclosure to para. 4.

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
1	No. 1029-A.-Camp, dated 1st September 1908, and enclosures (Receipt in original).	From General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division.	Forwards Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali's receipt for Rs. 252-12-0, and represents that a sum of £7-10-0 is still due to him.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 171 para. 2

Dated 18 Sept 1908

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2. I forward copy of a letter from the Colonial Office† regarding an appeal for certain allowances made by Nazar Muhammad, an Indian clerk, recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

M 11,685.

† Dated 20th August 1908.

[*In reply to paragraph* 9 *of your Despatch in the Army Department, No.* 68, *dated* 16*th July* 1908.]

(Form 5.)

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted.

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McHenry

Downing Street,

pp please Robb 20 August, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.M.10767 of the 8th of August, transmitting an appeal for certain allowances from Nazar Muhammad an Indian Clerk lately employed in Northern Nigeria.

2. I am to request that Mr Nazar Muhammad may be informed that his appeal has been considered but that the Secretary of State sees no ground for modifying the treatment which was accorded to him at the time of his return from Northern Nigeria to India.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H Bertram Cox

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 165 para. 5

Dated 11th Sept 1908.

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5. I forward copy of a letter† from the Colonial Office giving cover to a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Northern Nigeria recommending Mr. Mirza Mohamed Beg, an Indian Clerk, now employed in that Colony, for employment in India. A copy of Sir F. Lugard's Despatch, dated 15th May 1906, was sent for the information of your Government under cover of paragraph 2 of my Military Despatch No. 102, dated 21st June 1907.

M 11,645.

† Dated 18th August 1908, with enclosures in original.

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INDIA OFFICE,

22 AUG. 1908

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th August, No. 28769/1908 ~~I am directed to inform you that~~ regarding Mr. Mirza Mohamed Beg now employed in Northern Nigeria I am directed to inform you that the recommendation of the Governor of ~~that~~ the Colony will be brought to the notice of the Govt. of India.

(Sd) J. H. SEABROOKE.
Asst. Military Secretary.

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(Form 10.) 20.8.08

3413. I. 1059. 10,000.—6/1908.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 28769/1908.

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Downing Street,
18 August, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Governor of Northern Nigeria on the subject of Mr.Mirza Mohamed Beg , one of the Indian Clerks brought by Mr.Carrigan from India for service in Northern Nigeria, as described in Sir F.Lugard's confidential despatch of the 15th of May 1906, a copy of which was sent to you with the letter from this department of the 20th of May 1907. Further particulars as to Mr.Mirza Mohamed Beg's home in India are contained in the printed enclosures to your letter to this department No.F.9478 of the 6th of February 1907.

Sir P.Girouard Conf of 3 July.

2. You will observe that, in view of the favourable reports on Mr.Beg, the Governor asks that the Secretary of State in Council for India may be approached with a view to finding Mr.Beg employment in India when his three years service in Northern Nigeria expires on the 20th of March next; and the Secretary of State for the Colonies would be glad if this request could be brought to the notice of the Government of India.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H Bertram Cox

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INDIA OFFICE,

10 AUG. 1908

Sir,

With reference to your letter ~~In reply to [your letter of~~ the of the 28th Jan. 1907, No. 2829/1906-07 I am directed to ~~inform you that~~ forward for the consideration of the Earl of Crewe an extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India transmitting an appeal for certain allowances from Nazar Muhammad an Indian clerk lately employed in Northern Nigeria.

(Sd) O. M. CREAGH.
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EXTRACT PARA. 9 OF AN (ARMY) DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 68, DATED 16TH JULY 1908.

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9. We forward, for transmission to the Colonial Office, the accompanying correspondence relating to an appeal for certain allowances from Nazar Muhammad, an Indian clerk, lately employed in Northern Nigeria. [*With reference to paragraph 2 of military despatch No. 28, dated India Office, the 15th February 1907* (*M-1,548*).]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) MINTO.
" KITCHENER.
" H. ERLE RICHARDS.
" C. H. SCOTT.
" H. ADAMSON.
" J. O. MILLER.
" W. L. HARVEY.
" J. S. MESTON.

Extract para. 9 of an Army Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 68, dated 16th July 1908.

9. Appeal for certain allowances from Nazar Muhammad, an Indian clerk, lately employed in Northern Nigeria.

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Enclosure to para. 9 of general despatch No. 68, dated 19th July 1908.

Enclosure No. 1.

From W. M. HAILEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department,—(No. 302-S-Home, dated Simla, the 26th May 1908).

With reference to the Government of India, Army Department, letter No. 1217-C, dated 16th April 1907, forwarding papers regarding the case of one Nazar Muhammad, lately employed in Northern Nigeria, I am directed to forward herewith a letter No. 1144, dated 29th April 1908, from the Inspector-General of Police, Punjab, with its enclosure, in original.

2. I am to say that it is clear from the papers forwarded with the Government of India letter above referred to, that Nazar Muhammad has been treated with great liberality and his present application is only forwarded because His Honour doubts whether, in view of the fact that it refers to orders passed by the Colonial Office and not by the Indian Government, it can be withheld under the standing orders relating to the submission of memorials (Government of India, Home Department Notification Nos. 147-148, dated 19th January 1905).

From the Inspector-General of Police, Punjab, to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab,—(No. 1144, dated the 29th April 1908).

In reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 149, dated the 30th April 1907, I have the honour to forward herewith a petition of Sheikh Nazar Muhammad, a clerk in this office whose services were transferred to Northern Nigeria Administration in January 1906, for submission, through proper channel, to the Colonial Office, and to say that the petitioner asks for the same advantages as were accorded to other Indians who went to West Africa for service.

From NAZAR MUHAMMAD, Diarist, B—Branch, Central Police Office, to C. G. D. FARQUHAR, Esq., Personal Assistant to the Inspector-General of Police, Punjab, (through Superintendent),—(dated the 4th April 1908).

I most humbly and respectfully beg to lay the following few lines for your kind and favourable consideration.

That I and seven other Indians who were engaged for employment in Northern Nigeria in 1906 resigned the Colonial service in 1907 on similar grounds :—

That seven other Indians were granted :—

(1) Free passage.

(2) Halting allowance at 10 shillings a day (while in London), and

(3) One month's privilege leave,

whereas I was not granted the above privileges.

I very respectfully beg to pray that this my humble petition may very kindly be forwarded to Local Government for submission, through proper channel, to the Colonial Office for kind consideration, and that I may also be granted the above mentioned allowances, for which act of kindness I shall ever pray for your long life and prosperity.

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Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 68, dated the 16th July 1908.

Enclosure to para. 9.

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
1	No. 302-S. Home, dated 26th May 1908, and enclosures.	From Government of Punjab.	Petition from Nazar Muhammad, lately employed as a clerk in Northern Nigeria.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 148 para. 1

Dated 14 August 1908

M 9949.

According to the enclosures to your Despatch in the Finance Department, No. 46 M.F., dated 29th November 1906, the late Naik Raja, who was employed in the Transport Department, Northern Nigeria, made a family allotment in favour of his father Mardana Sharaf, Village Meramohra, Post Office, Bassali, Tehseel, Rawalpindi.

[*In reply to paragraph* 26 *of your Despatch in the Army Department, No.* 58, *dated* 11*th June* 1908.]

(Form 5.)

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Reference Paper. **Military Department.**

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Referred to Financial Secretary The 21st July 1908.

I should be glad if the papers F. 9478/1907 could be attached for reference.

J. H. Seabrooke

Papers herewith

W. Robinson
for Financial Secretary

21st July '08

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The papers are returned with thanks.

Withdrawn

Papers signed for in Refce Book.

E J Turner

23 July 1908

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(Form 24.)

2325. I. 5. 3000.—1/1908

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 23888/1908.

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Downing Street,

16 July, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No.M/9057) of the 1st of July, relative to the late Naik Raja, who died while employed in Northern Nigeria, and to state, for the information of the Secretary of State of India-in-Council, that the desired information as to the origin of the deceased would appear to be contained on page 4 (viz."Statement showing the amount of family allotments made by men engaged for service in Northern Nigeria by Conductor P. Carrigan, Assistant Transport Officer, Northern Nigeria") of the printed enclosures to your letter to this Department (No.F.9478) of the 6th of February 1907.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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S. The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

INDIA OFFICE,

1 JUL. 1908

Sir,

~~In reply~~ With reference to your letter of the 23rd Jan. No. 2451/1908 I am directed to ~~inform you that~~ enclose an extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India regarding ~~re~~ the late Naik Raja who was ~~recently~~ employed in the Transport Department in Northern Nigeria, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain ~~from that Protectorate~~ the information asked for.

(S'D) O M CREAGH,
General,
Military Secretary.

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EXTRACT PARA. 26 OF AN (ARMY) DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, No. 58, DATED 11TH JUNE 1908.

* * * * * * *

26. With a view to communicating to his relatives the fact of the death of the late "Raja," a Naik employed in the Transport Department of the Northern Nigerian Protectorate, we have endeavoured, though unsuccessfully, to ascertain the village and district to which he belonged in India. It has been ascertained, however, that the man accompanied Conductor Carrigan, Supply and Transport Corps, to Northern Nigeria, and that, before leaving that country that warrant officer made over to the authorities there a "long" or descriptive roll, shewing when and where the men he took out were engaged. We suggest that the requisite information be obtained from the Protectorate and communicated to us. [*With reference to paragraph 6 of military despatch No. 23, dated India Office, the 14th February 1908* (*M-1,304*).]

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) MINTO.
" KITCHENER.
" H. ERLE RICHARDS.
" E. N. BAKER.
" C. H. SCOTT.
" H. ADAMSON.
" J. O. MILLER.
" W. L. HARVEY.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 85 para. 8

Dated 15th May 1908.

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8. I forward copy of a letter‡ from the Colonial Office regarding the case of Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali, and request that your Government will issue the sum of 16*l.* 17*s.* to him, and debit the amount to the Imperial Government in the schedules of the account current. Rustam Ali's receipt for the sum should be forwarded to this Office.

M 5953.

‡ Dated 23rd April 1908.

[*In reply to paragraph* 9 *of your Despatch in the Army Department, No.* 27, *dated 5th March* 1908.]

(Form 5.)

168. I. 231. 2500.—2/1907.

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Referred to Financial Secretary The 25 April 1908.

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For his information and any observations he may have to offer.

J. H. Seabrooke

The Govt. of India should be authorised to pay £16-17-0 to Rustam Ali, & instructed to debit the amount to the Imperial Govt. in the Schedules of the Account Current, & to forward R. Ali's receipt.

F. Newmarch

28th April 1908

(Form 24.)

2325. I. 5. 3000.—1/1908

Para 8A (68)

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 10806/1908.

M 4258/8

M 5953 1908

Downing Street,

23 April, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No.M.4258) of the 26th of March, with its enclosures, relating to the case of Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali who was recently employed temporarily as a Veterinary Assistant in the Transport Department of Northern Nigeria.

2. Mr. Rustam Ali reached Rawal Pindi on his return from Northern Nigeria on the 24th of April 1907. Lord Crewe observes that it is stated in Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Younan's medical certificate, dated Rawal Pindi the 21st September, 1907, that Mr. Rustam Ali "was sick in this hospital for fever and Rheumatism from 3rd May 1907 to 10th May 1907 and 16th May 1907 to 31st May 1907, respectively", and that "the disease", in Lieutenant-Colonel Younan's opinion, "was due to service in Nigeria". Lord Crewe also observes from Mr. Rustam Ali's letter dated the 14th of August last that he apparently received two months sick leave from the 31st of May last.

3. While giving full consideration to this evidence of ill-health subsequently to Mr. Rustam Ali's return

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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return to India, Lord Crewe would emphasize two facts with regard to the circumstances of Mr. Rustam Ali's departure from Northern Nigeria and return journey to India.

4. The first is that, so far as the records in this Department show, Mr. Rustam Ali's resignation was unconnected with reasons of health. A copy of his letter to the Secretary in Northern Nigeria dated the 3rd of December 1906 tendering his resignation formed one of the enclosures to Mr. Beresford's confidential despatch of the 31st of January 1907, a copy of which accompanied the letter from this Department to the India Office of the 18th of April 1907, relating to the case of another of the Indians, viz., Mr. Malak Jan Mohamed. In this connection an extract is enclosed from a recent despatch (No. 536 of 5th November 1907) from the High Commissioner dealing with the Indian Transport Assistants generally, which give some further information on the subject of Mr. Rustam Ali's resignation.

5. The second fact is that nothing is said in any of the letters received from Mr. Rustam Ali, either by this Department or by the Crown Agents, during the days which he spent in London in March 1907 on his way through from Northern Nigeria to India, as to his being in ill health then or having suffered in health during the voyage from Northern

Nigeria

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Nigeria to England.

6. There does not appear, therefore, to be any sufficient ground for treating Mr. Rustam Ali as if he had been invalided from Northern Nigeria; but, having regard to the fact that the other Indian natives who returned from Northern Nigeria last summer were allowed their travelling expenses back to India, both those who were treated as invalided and those who were not so treated, Lord Crewe is willing to meet Mr. Rustam Ali's claims made in his letter of the 14th of August last to the following extent:-

(1) Mr. Rustam Ali has already been refunded £7. 10. 0 out of the £22. 10. 0 in the circumstances explained in the last paragraph of the letter to him from this Department of the 13th of March 1907, a copy of which was enclosed with the letter to you from this Department of the 3rd of May 1907. Mr. Rustam Ali has accordingly only paid the remaining £15 himself. Lord Crewe is willing that he should receive this balance of £15 from the Government of Northern Nigeria.

(2) Lord Crewe is willing that Mr. Rustam Ali should receive this sum of £1. 1. 0.

(3) & (4) Mr. Rustam Ali should not have made these claims as he must be perfectly well aware that the expenses there referred to have been defrayed by the Government and not by him. The circumstances in

which

Para 8A (71)

which these expenses were borne by the Government of Northern Nigeria are explained in the second paragraph of the letter from this Department to the Crown Agents of the 3rd of May 1907, a copy of which accompanied the letter to you of the same date.

(5) It follows from his not being regarded as invalided from Northern Nigeria that this claim cannot be admitted.

(6) He did not complete a year's residential service in Northern Nigeria, and this claim consequently cannot be allowed.

(7) Lord Crewe is prepared to allow this claim.

7. If, therefore, the Government of India will pay Mr. Rustam Ali the sum of £16. 17. 0 (made up as shown in the margin) this sum will be refunded to the Government of India from Northern Nigeria funds by the Crown Agents for the Colonies (to whom a copy of the present letter has been sent) on application being made to them.

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£16.17. 0.	

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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Sir P.Girouard No.536 of 5th November 1907

Par. 3.

"No difficulties so far as I am aware, and, if any, very minor ones capable of easy adjustment, have arisen in connection with the daily life of any of the Indian Assistants, and I certainly see no reason that any should arise in the future. It is true, of course, that Rustam Ali resigned, and I think it is quite possible that, on arrival in England, he may have brought to Your Lordship's notice fancied grievances, but, if I am right in this conjecture, I venture to think he must have done so solely at the instigation of the Indian clerks, with whom he travelled to England and with whom he unfortunately came into contact to a very large extent during his stay here. It is also my further opinion that, had it not been for the influence some of these clerks apparently had over him, he would not have resigned his appointment. Since the departure of the clerks I refer to - Agitators apparently of a very bad type, the Indians of all classes at present in the Protectorate appear to be well contented with their lot, and are eager to serve their present term of appointment, and the Transport Assistants and Artizans are reported as doing most excellent work".

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INDIA OFFICE,

26 MAR. 1908

Sir,

With reference ~~In reply~~ to your letter of the 3rd May last No. 9389/1907 I am directed to ~~inform you that~~ forward for the consideration of the Earl of Elgin an extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India transmitting an appeal by Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali for ~~the~~ refund of travelling expenses incurred in returning to India from Northern Nigeria.

I have &c.

(S'D) O M CREAGH,
Lieut. General,
Military Secretary.

d. 5th March 1908
No 2 para 9.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

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EXTRACT PARA. 9 OF AN ARMY DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, No. 27, DATED 5TH MARCH 1908.

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9. We forward for consideration by the Colonial Office, the marginally noted letter* from the General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division, submitting an appeal for refund of travelling expenses, etc., for the return journey from Northern Nigeria, of Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali, who resigned his appointment in the Protectorate owing to alleged ill-health. [*With reference to paragraph 3 of military despatch No. 90, dated India Office, the 31st May 1907 (M-6,116).*]

*No. 976-U, dated the 4th October 1907, and enclosures.

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We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) MINTO.

" KITCHENER.

" H. ERLE RICHARDS.

" E. N. BAKER.

" C. H. SCOTT.

" H. ADAMSON.

" ~~J. F. FINLAY.~~

" J. O. MILLER.

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Extract para. 9 of an Army despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 27, dated the 5th March 1908.

9. Appeal from Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali, who resigned his appointment in the Protectorate, for a refund of travelling expenses, etc., for the return journey from Northern Nigeria.

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Enclosure to paragraph 9 of general despatch No. 27, dated 5th March 1908.

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Enclosure No. 1.

No. 976-U, dated Murree, 4th October 1907.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division,

To—The Quartermaster-General in India.

I have the honour to forward, for favour of disposal, an appeal*, dated 14th August 1907, from Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali of the 19th Mule Cadre, Rawal Pindi (who enlisted for three years' service in North Nigeria in January 1906 but resigned his appointment there in February 1907 on account of ill-health, as stated by him), for refund of travelling expenses, etc., for the return journey from North Nigeria.

* Addressed to the Under Secretary of State for Colonies.

2. The appellant's statement that he was on the sick list after return from the above country is correct,—*vide* medical certificate attached.

3. The duplicate copy† of the agreement under which Rustam Ali took up service in North Nigeria is attached.

† Return requested.

4. The name of the steamer in which the Veterinary Duffadar proceeded to England from North Nigeria is reported to be the S. S. *Flaba*. He does not know the name of the medical officer, and he holds no documentary evidence that he was ill on board.

Dated Rawal Pindi, 14th August 1907.

From—RUSTAM ALI, Veterinary Assistant, No. 19 Mule Cadre, Rawal Pindi, late Zangroo, North Nigeria, West Africa,

To—The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

[Through the Officer Commanding, 19th Mule Cadre.]

I beg most respectfully to state that I (Rustam Ali) am one of the forty Punjabees who were recruited (but my services were transfered) by Mr. P. Carrigan, Assistant Transport Officer, Zangroo, North Nigeria, in January 1906. I performed my duties for Government of North Nigeria most faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of all my superiors. Report of the High Commissioner of North Nigeria is sufficient evidence to support my statement.

Unfortunately I fell sick in September 1906 suffering from Rheumatism and remained under medical treatment of Mr. Tomy, Medical Officer in charge of Native Hospital, Zangroo, in Nigeria, and the above Medical Officer frequently gave me medicines privately for my speedy recovery. As the Government of Nigeria had approved of my good services, the officers did not allow my being invalided. I was, therefore, compelled to resign my appointment. I left Nigeria on the 6th February 1907 for Plymouth, and suffered very seriously on board on account of fever and Rheumatism and was medically treated by the Doctor on the steamer. On arrival at London I reported my illness to the Crown Agent, Colony Office, and was ordered to proceed to India and appeal to the Government of India.

As the winter season was at the time very severe in London and I was suffering a little from pains, I was obliged to leave London on the 14th March 1907 by S. S. *Kulna* to Karachi.

On arriving at Gibraltar, I again suffered seriously from the pains and fever and remained under the treatment of the Doctor of the steamer, but of no avail. I reached Karachi on 9th April 1907 and in the same condition took train and reached Rawal Pindi on the 24th idem and reported myself to the Officer Commanding, 19th Mule Cadre, and became an indoor patient in the Native Hospital, Rawal Pindi Cantonment. I remined there till the 31st May 1907 and having somewhat recovered I was recommended by the Medical Officer for two months' sick leave and passed these two months leave treatment

As I got this disease in the service of Government of Nigeria and remained sick till the 30th July 1907 and was obliged to return from Nigeria I beg to request you will kindly have me invalided by the Government of Nigeria and obtain the following amount defrayed for the expenses:—

(1) My illness can be certified by Mr. Tomy, in charge of Native Hospital, Zangroo, Nigeria.

(2) Medical Officer in charge on board the steamer.

(3) The Officer Commanding, Cadre No. 19.

(4) Medical Officer in charge of Native Hospital, Rawal Pindi Cantonment.

	£.	s.	d.
(1) Second class fare of steamer from Boroto to Plymouth, England	22	10	0
(2) Second class fare for train from Plymouth to London ...	1	1	0
(3) Boarding expenses for one week during stay at London ...	2	10	0
(4) Fare from London to Karachi	16	0	0
(5) Pay from 1st February 1907 to 23rd April 1907, @ £ 7 monthly	19	0	0
(6) One month's pay at rate of £ 7 "on leave"	7	0	0
(7) Intermediate class fare of rail from Karachi to Rawal Pindi	0	16	0
	68	17	0

No. $\frac{19\text{-R. W.}}{1124}$.

Forwarded to the Divisional Transport Officer, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division, Murree, for favour of disposal with reference to my Book Report No. $\frac{19\text{-A}}{49}$, dated 24th April 1907, paragraph III.

The 14th August 1907.

(Signed) H. CRACROFT, *Captain,*
Comdg. 19th Mule Cadre.

Medical certificate.

This is to certify that Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali was sick in this hospital for fever and Rheumatism from 3rd May 1907 to 10th May 1907, and 16th May 1907 to 31st May 1907, respectively, and that the disease in my opinion was due to service in Nigeria.

RAWAL PINDI: } (Signed) A. C. YOUNAN, *Lieut.-Col.,*
The 21st September 1907. } *I.M.S.,*
Medical Officer in charge Native Details.

PROTECTORATE OF NORTHERN NIGERIA.

Agreement made the 12th day of January 1906 between the undersigned (an Assistant Transport officer) acting on behalf of the Government of Northern Nigeria (hereinafter called the Government), and Rustam Ali, son of Bag Ali of Hallowae in the province of the Punjab, India (hereinafter called the person engaged).

1. The person engaged agrees to proceed to Northern Nigeria (hereinafter called the Protectorate) when directed by P. Carrigan, Assistant Transport Officer and undertakes that he will there diligently and faithfully perform the duties of a Veterinary Kote-Duffadar in the Transport Department for the term of his engagement, and will act in all respects according to the instructions or directions given to him by the Government through the Head of his Department or other properly qualified Officers.

2 The person engaged shall be paid a salary at the rate of eighty-four pounds sterling (£84) a year.

3. This agreement is subject to the conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed, and the Schedule shall be read and construed as a part of the agreement.

As witness our hands the day and year above written.

Signed by.—P. Carrigan, Assistant Transport Officer, Northern Nigeria, in the presence of Ram Chander Sunkar, Clerk, Northern Nigeria.

Signed by—Rustam Ali, in the presence of

Name—Ram Chander Sunkar.

Address—Ambala Sadder Bazar.

Occupation—Clerk, Northern Nigeria.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 27, dated the 5th March 1908.

(Enclosure to para. 9.)

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
		Enclosure to para. 9.	
1	No. 976-U, dated 4th October 1907, and enclosures.	From General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division.	Forwards an appeal from Veterinary Duffadar Rustam Ali of the 19th Mule Cadre, Rawal Pindi, for a refund of travelling expenses, etc., for his return journey from Northern Nigeria.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 58 para. 1

Dated 27th March 1908.

M 2702.

I forward a copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office respecting two Indian transport subordinates who have been invalided from Northern Nigeria. These two men were amongst those recruited by Conductor Carrigan, whose names were forwarded in the enclosure to your Finance Department Despatch, dated 29th November 1906, No. 46 M.F.

* Dated 19th February 1908, and enclosures in original.

(Sent in advance by mail of 6th March 1908.)

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Military Supply ~~Army~~ Department.

M S to Sgr

INDIA OFFICE,

6 MAR. 1908

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding two Indian Transport subordinates who have been invalided from Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(S'D) C. M. CREAGH
Lieut. General,
Military Secretary.

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General,
Military Secretary.

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Referred to Financial Secretary The 26 Feby 1908.

For his information.
J. H. Seabrooke

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Seen. These two natives were amongst those recruited by Conductor Garrigan, a list of whom was forwarded in the Enclosure to the Letter from the Govt. of India dated the 29th Nov: 1906 No. 46 M.F. (Vide F. 9478/06 attached).

F W Newmarch

27th Feb: 1908

(Form 24.)

298. I. 416. 3000.—3/1907.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 5245/1908

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M. 2702 1908

Downing Street,

19 February, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, the accompanying copy of correspondence relating to two natives of India, Alla Dad Khan and Har Dayal, who have been serving in the Transport Department of Northern Nigeria, ~~and have been serving in the Transport Department of Northern Nigeria~~, and have been invalided home. The two men sailed for Bombay by a steamer which left Birkenhead on the 15th instant.

Nor:Nig.No.20 9th Jan. enc.in orig.
Alla Dad Khan 11th Feb.
To do 12th "
Alla Dad Khan 13th "
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2. The man Har Dayal was formerly employed in the Indian Transport Department and steps will no doubt be taken to forward to the proper quarter his record of service, which is among the enclosures in this letter.

3. The two men were among those whose engagement was reported to your Department in the letter from this Office of the x 10th of September 1906.

x This letter please

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I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

The Under Secretary of State
INDIA OFFICE

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 23 para. 6

Dated 14th February 1908.

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6. I forward copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office reporting the death of Naik Raja, Transport Department, Northern Nigeria.

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* Dated 23rd January 1908, and enclosures.

(Form 5.)

168. I. 231. 2500.—2/1907.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 2451/1908

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Downing Street,

23 January, 1908.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, for such action as may be necessary, a copy of a telegram from the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria from which his Lordship has learned with regret of the death on the 25th of December of Naik Raja, of the Transport Department of the Protectorate.

O.A.G. Tel. 21st January

2. Naik Raja was one of the Indians enumerated in the list enclosed in Sir F.Lugard's despatch of the 15th of May 1906 of which a copy was sent to the India Office in the letter from this Department of the 20th of May 1907.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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Telegram

The Officer Administering the Government of Northern Nigeria to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 11 a.m. 22nd January 1908)

21st January. No. 9. Regret to report death 25th December Naik Raja indian Transport Department.

WALLACE

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3. Lord Elgin is not at present in a position to explain how it is that the news of the Naik's death has only just been received, but further information may be expected by post and will be communicated to you when it arrives.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Strobens

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Military Department.

Referred to Financial Secretary The 6 Nov^r - 1907.

For his information.

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The letters have been retained and dealt with in this Department as they related to financial adjustments with the clerks and the brown agents for the Colonies.

A copy of a letter to the Secretary to the Govt. of India Finance Dept., on the subject is attached.

F Newmarch

11th November 1907.

(Form 24.)

298. I. 416. 3000.—3/1907.

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India Office,
London, S.W.

F. 9243.

8th November 1907.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Office of the 14th August, No. F.6825, I have to enclose a copy of two letters from the Colonial Office, asking that certain sums should be paid to Malak Jan Mohammed, of the office of the Postmaster General, Punjab, and to Sheikh Nazar Mohammed, of the office of Inspector General of Police, Punjab, clerks lately employed in Northern Nigeria. Their receipts should be forwarded to this Office in due course to support the necessary claim on the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Dated 28th October and 4th November, 07.

The letter to Malak Jan Mohammed together with a copy of it, are forwarded herewith for the necessary measures.

Yours faithfully

(S'D) F. W. NEWMARCH,
ASST. FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Financial Secretary.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Finance Department.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 129 para. 2

Dated 26th July 1907.

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2. I forward copy of a further communication from the Colonial Office,* with enclosures, regarding the return to India from Northern Nigeria of Naik Bostan.

M 8373.

* Dated 27th June 1907, and enclosures (in original).

(Sent in advance by Mail of 5th July 1907.)

[*In continuation of paragraph* No. *of my Military Despatch* , *dated* 19th *July* 1907.]

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Supply ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

3 JUL. 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding the return to India from Northern Nigeria of Naik Bostan.

which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.

General,
Military Secretary.

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16759. I. 2398. 250.—12/1905.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
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Downing Street,

27 June 1907.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, *and is directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to him, to be laid before* the Secretary of State for India in Council, _____ *with reference to the letter from* this *department of the* 31st of May *No.* 19121 *, the papers noted in the subjoined schedule, on the subject of* Naik Bostan who is now on his way from Northern Nigeria to India.

Date.	Description.
15 June 1907.	Colonial Office to Naik Bostan
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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 125 para. 3

Dated 19th July 1907

3. I enclose copy of further correspondence* with the Colonial Office, regarding certain Indian Subordinates who recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

M 8303.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 2 *of my Military Despatch No.* 102, *dated* 21*st June* 1907.]

(Sent in advance by Mail of 28th June 1907.)

* From Colonial Office, dated 31st May 1907.
To ditto, dated 3rd June 1907.
From ditto, dated 25th June 1907, and enclosures (in original).
From ditto, dated 26th June 1907, and enclosure (in original).
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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Military Supply ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

27 JUN. 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding certain Indian subordinates who recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

[signature]

General,

Military Secretary.

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and the following Number quoted.
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Downing Street,

26 June 1907.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, and is directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to him, to be laid before the Secretary of State of India in Council, with reference to the letter from this department of the 25th instant No 19809, the papers noted in the subjoined schedule, on the subject of {Mr Fazal Ahmed / Mr Badruddin Hassan} now on their way from Northern Nigeria to India.

Date.	Description.
26 June 1907.	Colonial Office to {Mr Fazal Ahmed / Mr Badruddin Hassan}.

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Downing Street,

26 June 1907.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State India Office and is directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to him, to be laid before the Secretary of State of India in Council, with reference to the letter from this department of the 25th instant No 19809, the paper noted in the subjoined schedule, on the subject of Mr Sayed Hakim Shah, Mr Fazal Rahman, Mr Mohamed Mubin now on their way from Northern Nigeria to India.

Date.	Description.
26 June 1907	Colonial Office to Mr Sayed Hakim Shah, Mr Fazal Rahman, Mr Mohamed Mubin

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
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and the following Number quoted. 19809/1907.

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M. 8264 1907.

Downing Street,

25 June, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No.M.7227) of the 3rd of June and to return to you the Petition (with its accompanying papers) addressed to the Secretary of State for India by the Indian natives

Sayad Hakim Shah,
Mohamed Mubin,
Badruddin Hassan,
Fazal Ahmed, and
Mohamed Fazal Rahman,

who are now in this country on their way from Northern Nigeria to India.

Petition. (in orig.)

C.O. to Messrs Shah, Hassan, Rahman, Fazal Ahmed. Mubin, 15th June.
Mr. Shah to C.O. 18th June.
Mr. Rahman to C.O. 18th June.
Mr. Mubin to C.O. 18th June.
Mr. Hassan to C.O. 19th June.
Mr. Ahmed to C.O. 18th June.
C.O. to Messrs Shah, Rahman, Mubin, Hassan, Ahmed. 24th June.

2. A Petition in identical terms (and with the same supporting papers) was addressed by these gentlemen to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and I am to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State of India in Council, copies of the letters addressed to each of them on the subject from this Department. To these letters (dated the 15th of June) they have replied in letters of which copies are enclosed, and I am also to enclose copies of the letters in

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INDIA OFFICE.

in reply from this Department dated the 24th of June together with a copy of the letter from this Department to the Crown Agents.

Report of Sir W. Collins, 18th May.
Report of Dr. J. Cantlie 9th May.
C.O. to C.A. June.

3. The only other papers which it seems necessary to enclose are copies of (i) Sir W.Collins's Report on Mr. Fazal Ahmed of the 18th of May (referred to in the letter from this Department to Mr. Ahmed of the 15th of June), and (ii) the report by Dr. J.Cantlie of the 9th of May upon Mr. Badruddin Hassan (referred to in the letter from this Department to Mr. Hassan of the 15th of June).

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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INDIA OFFICE,

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Sir,

With reference to
~~I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of~~ your letter of the 31st May, No. 19121 regarding certain ~~and to inform you in reply that~~ Indians who have recently arrived in this country from Northern Nigeria, I am directed to forward herewith, in original, a memorial addressed to the Secretary of State for India by the men in question and to say that Mr. Secretary Morley would be glad to be furnished with any observations that the Earl of Elgin may have to make thereon.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 19121/1907.

Headley 29/5 P.P. 6756

M 7227 1907.

Downing Street,

31 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to request you to inform the Secretary of State in Council of India, in reply to your letter of the 28th of May (No.M.6756) that no further Indians from among those who have recently returned to this country from Northern Nigeria have recently sailed for India.

2. As will have been gathered from the recent correspondence these Indians belong to two batches.

(1) Rustum Ali, Malak Jan Mohammed, and Mohammed Din Malik arrived in this country early in March. The first two have returned to India, Mohammed Din Malik has not, but has recently submitted to this Department a long statement on his case, on which subject Lord Elgin hopes to address the Secretary of State in Council of India shortly.

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(2) Messrs Sayad Hakim Shah, Fazal Rahman, Badruddin Hassan, Fazal Ahmed, Mohammed Mubin, and Naik Bostan arrived in London on the 28th of April. A letter was addressed to each of these six Indians on the 1st of May and copies were enclosed in the letter to the India Office of the same date. Owing to an unfortunate error

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INDIA OFFICE.

error in the address to which the letters were sent they were never received by the Indians. This fact was only learnt after the further letters of the 17th of May had been sent to the men (copies of which letters were enclosed in the letter to the India Office of the 18th of May.) In view of this circumstance and of the fact that the men wished to lay a combined statement of their case before the Earl of Elgin (which his Lordship has now under consideration and on which he hopes shortly to address the Secretary of State in Council for India) the men were permitted to defer their departure for India beyond the 24th of May.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. J. Nicholas

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 102 para. 2

Dated 21 June 1907.

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2. I forward herewith copy of a further letter from the Colonial Office regarding certain Indian subordinates who recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

M 6730.

* Dated 20th May 1907, and enclosures.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 3 *of my Despatch No.* 97, *dated* 14*th June* 1906.]

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Reference Paper. Military Department.

Referred to Financial Secretary The 22 May 1907.

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For information.

[signature]
General,
Military Secretary.

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[signature]

23rd May 1907

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

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Downing Street,

20 May, 1907.

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Sir,

In the letter from this Department to the India Office of the 10th of September 1906 No.32683 relating to the Indian Clerks and Transport Drivers engaged for service in Northern Nigeria, certain extracts were incorporated from a confidential despatch (dated the 15th of May 1906) from Sir F. Lugard. In view of the subsequent resignation of a number of those clerks the Earl of Elgin thinks that the Secretary of State of India in Council will probably be glad to have for reference if necessary, the full information contained in that despatch and in the subsequent confidential despatch of the Acting High Commissioner of the 29th of November, copies of which together with copies of their enclosures are accordingly enclosed.

Sir F.Lugard.Conf.
15th May,1906.

Mr.Wallace.Conf.
29th November.

Sec.of State.Conf.
20 May,1907.

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The Under Secretary of State,

INDIA OFFICE.

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2. I am at the same time to enclose a copy of a despatch which has been addressed to the High Commissioner with regard to the matters dealt with in paragraphs 13, 14 and 16 (a) and (b) of Sir F.Lugard's confidential despatch of the 15th of May, 1906.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. P. Lucas

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NORTHERN NIGERIA.

Government House,

Zungeru,

15th May, 1906.

Confidential.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that the Indian Establishments, whose engagement was authorised by your predecessor, reached Burutu on March 20th in charge of Messrs Carrigan and Lucking, and have now been detailed to their respective duties. Advantage was taken of this opportunity to engage the two Public Works Subordinates, whose appointment was sanctioned by your predecessor's telegram of 7th April 1905, and for whom provision had been made in the Estimates, but whom it had hitherto been found impossible to secure by letter.

2. The attached statement shews the rates of pay which had been authorised by the Treasury with your concurrence and the rates at which the men were actually engaged and I am glad to be able to call your attention to the fact that in almost all cases, Mr Carrigan has succeeded in obtaining men at rates lower than those estimated.

He was however unable to obtain any first Class Accountants, since men of high qualifications in this branch are in receipt of as much as £240 per annum in their own country.

3. The men were engaged for a period of 3 years' service in Northern Nigeria, and only received half pay until they arrived at Burutu. They are to have free quarters

and free

Burutu), this allowance to cover any detention allowance &c which might be otherwise due. I may observe that he has not asked for or suggested anything of the sort, though he has asked for the usual detention allowances before his departure and on his return to England. The amount to be provided to meet this charge can be met from the excess provision in salaries for the Indians which has been made in the Estimates of this year.

14. I submit for Your Lordship's consideration with my strong recommendation the following incidental allowances.

Mr Lucking detention allowance at 15/- per diem from February 25th (date of arrival Liverpool) to March 3rd 1906 date of embarkation = £4.10.0.

Babu. Fazal Ahmed full pay from date of engagement in India December 1st 1905 to date of sailing from India January 25th in recognition of excellent and heavy work done, amount = £15.1.6.

Naiks. Karam Dad full pay on same grounds from 6th January 1906 to 25th January 1906 amount = 12/9

Naiks Bostan full pay on same grounds from 1st December 1905 to 25th January 1906 amount £1.16.1.

15. I have seen the Clerks and Supervisors, and the Transport establishment separately. Both appear to be good specimens of their class. Of the success of the experiment so far as the Transport men are concerned I have little doubt. They are under Officers like Messrs Neill, Carrigan, Ricketts and Lucking who speak their language and thoroughly understand them, while Mr Ross, the Head of the Department, though he has unfortunately no experience of India, is already enthusiastic about them and is learning Hindustani. I spoke to them in their

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own language and they had no complaints or any requests to prefer. They get on with the natives admirably, and even the local artisans who were inclined to resent their presence at first recognised their superior ability and are anxious to learn from them.

16. As regards the Clerks, I am not entirely hopeful. They profess themselves determined to make the experiment a success, and say that their premature, return to India would be a disgrace to themselves and their country.

They had, however, a number of grievances, in the adjustment of which, in the circumstances, I though it advisable to shew some liberality, and I trust Your Lordship will approve my action.

(a) They expected, and were I think entitled to, a Second Class Passage by an ordinary passenger vessel. They came however in a Hall Line boat, which was much cheaper for the transport attendants and gear, in which there was no proper second Class accommodation. Every effort was made to ensure their comfort, and an "intermediate" passage was given them. They owe it apparently partly to their own faults that they were not more comfortable. They ask for the difference between the cost of a Second Class passage and the passage they had. This would amount to £20 per man. All but three disembarked at Marseilles and came overland at their own expense to avoid sea-sickness and the discomforts of which they complained. This involved additional detention, and they urge that the 5/- a day allowed them by Mr Carrigan did not cover their expenses, and ask for £1 or 15/- I have agreed to allow the railway expenses &c £4.16.0 each and double the detention allowance (they urge that the Clerks engaged for Southern Nigeria received £1 per

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day but I have no knowledge of this) viz 15/- to the 2 supervisors and 10/- to the Clerks and £5 (instead of £20) compensation for passages. The total amount involved will be £182.12.0, which can be met from the total sum provided for salaries, passages, etc.

(b) They ask for 6 months leave apart from time spent on voyage after completion of 3 years' service. In view of the amendment to Colonial Regulation 424 forwarded to me under cover of your predecessor's despatch of June 10th 1904. I am unable to deal with this matter but I would recommend for Your Lordship's consideration that they should be accorded the same terms as native Clerks, viz. one months leave in India on full pay (irrespective of time spent on the voyage) for every year's service completed, or double that time on half pay if re-engaged.

(c) They ask for the incremental rise given to native Clerks. This I negatived as outside the Conditions of their Agreements, of which I enclose a copy.

(d) In the terms of their Agreements the cost of their passage money to Nigeria may be deducted from their salaries and held at my discretion as a guarantee, being refunded at the end of their service, as the repayment of their advances will cover a period of 7 months before any deduction on account of passage money can commence, I agreed that, in the case of all men who were "thoroughly well reported on" at the end of that period, no deduction would be made.

The other matters raised were of minor importance, and not such as I need trouble Your Lordship with.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) F.D.LUGARD.

High Commissioner.

The Rt. Hon'ble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Office or Grade.	Names	Estimated pay per Annum £	s	d	Actual pay per Annum £	s	d	Remarks.
Supervisor	Malik Mohamed Din	250.	0.	0	250.	0.	0	
"	Mohamed Mubin	250.	0.	0	250.	0.	0	
1st Grade Clerk.	Sayed Hakim Shah #	240.	0.	0	216.	0.	0	
"	Babu Fazal Din	240.	0.	0	208.	0.	0	
"	Malik Jan Mohamed #	240.	0.	0	208.	0.	0	
"	Babu Fazal Ahmad	240.	0.	0	200.	0.	0	
"	Sheikh Nazar Mohamed #	240.	0.	0	200.	0.	0	
"	Babu Badar Din Hasan	240.	0.	0	184.	0.	0	
"	Lala Ram Chander Sunker } #	240.	0.	0	184.	0.	0	
"	Mohamed Fazal Rahman #	240.	0.	0	184.	0.	0	
"	Mirza Mohamed Beg	240.	0.	0	184.	0.	0	
"	Babu Ahmad Deen	240.	0.	0	160.	0.	0	
Veterinary Assistant	Rustam Ali #	96.	0.	0	84.	0.	0	
"	Dost Mohamed #	96.	0.	0	84.	0.	0	
Carpenter	Harnam Singh	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
"	Partab Singh	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
Blacksmith	Gujar Singh 4	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
"	Basant Singh 4	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
Shoeingsmith	Sabir Khan	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
"	Alla Dad Khan	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
Saddler	Phullie 6	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
"	Basant 6	36.	0.	0	32.	0.	0	
Naik	Bahadur Khan	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
	Khan Bahadur	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Raja	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Bostam	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	

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Office or Grade.	Names	Estimated pay per Annum. £.	S.	d	Actual pay per Annum. £.	s.	d	Remarks.
Naik	Surkhru	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Sohaj	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Feroz Khan	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Hardial ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Ganeshi ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Harbhagat ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Karam Dad ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Lal Singh	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Phooman Singh ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Lakhmi Dass	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Ahmad Din ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Ghulam Mohy Din ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Bahadur Ali ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	
"	Jhandoo ¶	30.	0.	0	24.	0.	0	

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¶ Marked thus are employed in pensionable appointments.
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¶ Marked thus are entitled to gratuity of 3 months pay at end of term.

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NORTHERN NIGERIA

CONFIDENTIAL

Government House,
ZUNGERU, 29th November, 1906.

My Lord,

In reply to your despatch calling for details of the increase or decrease consequent on the introduction of Indian Clerks, I have the honour to transmit herewith statements I have received from the Heads of the various Departments in which these Clerks are engaged, from which it will be seen that there is an approximate increased cost to this Administration of the sum of £1180.

2. In these figures the salaries of the two Overseers of the Public Works Department - Mohammad Mubin and Mohammad Din Malik - amounting in all to £665 (including rations and passages), have not been included, for, as the Director of Public Works points out, they did not actually replace any officials. The work of the latter, however, has been unsatisfactory, and it is proposed to dispense with his services.

Neither also has the cost of the quarters it was found necessary to erect for the Indian Clerks, which amounts approximately to about £600, nor any percentage of the cost of the passages and expenses incurred by Mr Assistant Transport Officer Carrigan to and from India, been included.

If your Lordship thinks that these two latter items should be properly included, the increased

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expenditure (calculating £100 as the proportion of Mr Carrigan's expenses) would be approximately £1,880.

3. The fact also must not be lost sight of that, according to their agreement, the whole of the Indians will return to India at the end of 3 years, when it will, of course, be necessary to bring a fresh supply from India, or fill their places by obtaining fresh men from the Coast. In the former case, the cost of their passages would amount to about £800, and in the latter, to about £50.

4. Comparing the efficiency of the Indian Clerks with the African, as Your Lordship will see from the reports of the Heads of the Departments concerned, the comparison greatly favours the African, but in fairness to Indian Clerks generally, it must be borne in mind, as Mr Eaglesome, with his long experience of India points out, those at present here do not hail from the provinces from which the best class of Clerk is procurable. The object in choosing these men was, I believe, that the climate of the Punjab being more akin to this climate than that of other Provinces of India, these men were more likely to stand the climate than men from another province.

5. I much regret to have to report therefore that the experiment so far, has not been the success Sir F.D.Lugard anticipated it would prove to be, either financially or as regards efficiency, and, much as I dislike having to do so, I feel that I should be failing in my duty were I to recommend to Your Lordship that the experiment be allowed to continue, judging it simply from a financial or an efficiency point of view. I hesitate, however, to recommend to Your Lordship, that

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these Indian Clerks be sent back before they have completed their engagement of three years, for by so doing I foresee that it will give the African Clerk a very exaggerated idea of his own worth and importance, and not only the educated clerks, but possibly the natives generally, which, in my opinion, should be avoided if possible.

6. I therefore have the honour to request that Your Lordship will instruct me as to what courseI shall take.

7. Regarding the Indian Transport Attendants and Merchanics it gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to report most favourably. They have proved themselves most efficient and industrious, and are giving the very greatest satisfaction. I am unable, of course, to give an approximate cost of savings compared with the old establishments, because, as far as the Transport Department is concerned, these men have taken up new posts, and have therefore replaced no Africans, but, had that been the case, I am assured that any increased cost that might have occurred, would be made up by the very great increase in efficiency.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) Wm.WALLACE.

Acting High Commissioner.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES.

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SECRETARIAT.

Statement showing increase to the Protectorate by introduction of

INDIAN CLERKS.

African Staff replaced.			3 Indians.	
		£		£
1	3rd Grade Clerk	142	Total Salaries	576
	Passages	5	Passages	234
	Rations	Nil.	Rations	21
		£147		£831

Had no Indians been drafted into this Department, it would have been necessary to have increased the Staff by 2 6th Grade Clerks at an aggregate cost of say £160, which, of course, must therefore be deducted from the above figures, leaving an increase of .....£524.

In the above figures is also included the salary (£160) of Mohammad Din, the Junior Indian Clerk, but undoubtedly the most capable. He has not been allocated to any particular Department, but has been paid from the Extra Clerical Assistance Vote (Miscellaneous), and has been available for any Department requiring extra clerical assistance. He has therefore been attached to this Office, and has, I am glad to be able to report, done very good work. I have, in consequence, included him in the above figures, as the most simple manner to include him in the statement to be sent to the Secretary of State. The actual increase therefore in this Department is .....£279.

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The increase in efficiency by their introduction is I regret to say nil. With the exception of Mohammad Din, neither has given satisfaction and one - Nazar Mohammad - having proved himself incapable of performing the work he was given, has resigned, and leaves for India in February next.

(Signed) M.H.D.BERESFORD.

Secretary.

The Secretariat,

November 27th, 1906.

Certified true copy,

W.SCOTT EVANS.

Assistant Secretary.

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From The Director of Public Works,

To The Secretary of the Administration.

24th November 1906.

Referring to your Confidential memo dated 14.11.06 of the three natives of India attached to this Department (1) one has been placed in charge of the Drawing Office and (2) one has been acting as Supervisor of Works; no natives of Africa had previously been placed in these positions. A comparison between the cost of natives of India and of Africa can, therefore, only be made in the case of the third Indian who is attached to the Head-quarters Office in place of two African fifth Grade Clerks provided in 1906-07 estimates, and not appointed although very urgently required.

Name.	Pay.	Passage.	Rations.
	£		
1. Mohamed Mubin	250	27	12
2. Mohamed Din Malik	250	27	12

Total cost p.a. for 3 years = £578

It should be stated that Mahomed Mubin's work has given great satisfaction and that it is doubtful whether a native of Africa could have been obtained to fill this position. Mahomed Din Malik has applied for 6 months leave on urgent private affairs after only 5 months service and it is proposed to dispense with his services as his work when not under European supervision has not been satisfactory.

With regard to the third native of India I attach

cost

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cost of his services as compared with two Africans.

Name.	Pay	Passage	Rations
	£	£	£
3. Malak Jan Mohamed	208	27	12 £247 p.a. for 3 years
Two 5th Grade African Clerks	204	13	Nil. £217 " " " "

Malak Jan Mahommed's work has been most unsatisfactory and can only be compared to that performed by an 8th Grade African. There is, therefore, an actual loss to Government in the employment of this Indian of £30 p.a. and from the efficiency point of view a loss of £180 p.a. the difference between his pay and that of an African 8th Grade Clerk.

I wish to bring to notice in the most emphatic manner possible, that if the best Indian Clerks were required, Punjabi Mohomedans should not have been brought out. The Punjab is the Country one would naturally go to for bullock drivers, farriers, or, of course, soldiers; but it is the last part of India I should select a clerk from.

(Signed) JNO. EAGLESOME.

D. P. W.

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From The Treasurer,

To The Secretary.

1. With reference to the attached, the following figures will shew the increased expenditure to the Protectorate due to the employment of Indian Clerks in this Department:-

	3 African Clerks transferred	3 Indian Clerks substituted.
	£	
Aggregate Salaries	378 . .	552 . .
Passages	28 10 .	235 . .
Free Rations	Nil	37 6 .
	406 10 .	824 6 .
		406 10 .
	Increase	£417 10 .

2. The return passages of the Indians have been calculated above, the Africans not being entitled thereto.

3. The three Indians replaced three Africans but it has not been found possible to further decrease the African Staff on account of the slightly increased efficiency of the Indians.

4. It must be borne in mind that the Indians are entirely new to Treasury work whereas the Africans transferred were all trained men and had served in the Treasury for some years.

5. Summing up the whole question I am of opinion that the slightly increased efficiency is not equivalent to the

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to the increased expenditure, and that no economy has been effected in this Department.

(Signed) SYDNEY T.HARRISSON.

Treasurer.

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Zungeru,

22.11.06.

The Secretary.

With reference to your Confidential letter of 14th instant the following is the information asked for.

	One Brigade Clerk (N.C.O.) transferred.			One Indian Clerk.		
	£			£		
Aggregate Pay	156	.	.	180	.	.
Passages	22	10	.	78	6	8
Rations				7	10	.
Allowance	45	12	6			
Total	£224	2	6	265	16	8

This shews an increased expenditure of £41.14.2 but at the same time there is an item of £36 as staff pay to a British N.C.O. employed as Brigade Major's Clerk, which was considered necessary at the time the Indian Clerk was introduced and I still consider it essential that he be retained.

This makes a total increase of £77.14.2.

2. I do not consider it possible to reduce the staff of the Office, nor to dispense with the British N.C.O.

3. I do not see any increased efficiency to compensate for the increased expenditure, nor do I think it is likely to prove so in the future, as the African Clerks knew their work and are quite reliable.

(Signed) E.P.STRICKLAND, Major.

Acting Brigade Major.

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From The Acting Political Assistant, Northern Nigeria.

To The Secretary, Zungeru.

In reply to your Confidential Memo of the 14th instant as to the economy or increased efficiency effected by the introduction of the Indian Clerk now in the High Commissioner's Office.

I have the honour to submit the following statement:-

G R A D E S

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
In 1905-6 the existing Staff was	1	1	-	1	2	-	costing £657
In 1906-7 provision was made for Indian Clerks.	1 2	-	-	1	1	-	))costing £864)
Actual Staff existing in 1906-7	2	-	1	-	-	1	costing £787
Indian Clerk	1						

As represented by the difference in the total and allowing for the other alteration in the staff on the re-arrangement he practically increased the cost by taking the place of a 5th Grade Clerk and as previously confidentially reported. The same efficiency would be maintained if he was transferred and the 5th Grade Clerk reinstated at a saving of the excess shewn.

(Signed) F.F.HOPKINS.

Acting Political Assistant.

Government House,

Zungeru,

16th November, 1906.

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From The Senior Transport Officer,

To The Secretary to the Administration.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential d/14/11/06 calling for a statement re the economy and efficiency of the Indian Clerk attached to this Department. I have the honour to attach a statement showing the difference in cost of the clerical establishment of this Department between the years 1905-6 and 1906-7 due to the introduction of the Indian Clerk.

Economy.

The statement shows an increase in cost of £95.13.6. this increase is however apparent only, an actual saving of £23.6.0. having been effected, as shown hereafter. Had the Indian Clerk not been introduced at least two more West African Clerks, of seventh grade would have been necessary to carry on the work during the Financial year 1906-7.

The Indian Clerk therefore not only covered the alterations made in the 1905-6 establishment, but also took the place of two extra West African Clerks who would otherwise have been added to the establishment. Their pay has therefore been taken into consideration in compiling the following statement showing the actual saving that has been effected.

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		£	s.	d.
Cost of Clerical Establishment 1905-6 vide attached statement.		332	6	6
Increase necessary for 1906-7 2 Seventh Grade Clerks at £72		144	.	.
Cost of Establishment without Indian		476	6	6
Cost of Establishment 1906-7 vide attached statement	428 . .			
1 Extra Clerk Nov.-March '07 in excess of establishment.	25 . .			
		453	.	.
Actual Saving		£ 23	6	6

Efficiency.

I beg to refer you to the Chief Transport Officer's Confidential letter No. 12 dated 17th October which treats of this matter and to add that although a very large amount of extra work has quite recently been thrown upon this Department by the Revised G.S.O. No. 62 the same is being kept ahead of.

I have, etc.

(Signed) D.A.WALLBACH, S.T.O.

for Chief Transport Officer.

Certified true copy.

(Signed) W.SCOTT EVANS.

Assistant Secretary.

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Statement showing cost of the Clerical Establishment of Transport Department for years 1905-6 and 1906-7.

	1905-6			1906-7		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 First Grade Clerk Indian Pay				200	.	.
1/3 Cost of passage money to and from India				27	.	.
Cost of Rations for 1 year				12	6	10
1/3 Cost of warm clothing for voyages					13	4
1 Fourth Grade Clerk - Mr Nortey				108	.	.
1/3 Cost of passage money to and from Accra				1	13	4
1 Seventh Grade Clerk - Mr Edwin				72	.	.
1/3 Cost of passage money to and from Sierra Leone				6	6	8
1 Third Grade Clerk - Mr Beckley	150	.	.			
1/3 Cost of passage money to and from Sierra Leone	6	6	8			
1 Fifth Grade Clerk - Mr Nortey	96	.	.			
1/3 Cost of passage to and from Accra	1	13	4			
1 Seventh Grade Clerk - Mr Edwin	72	.	.			
1/3 Cost of passage to and from Sierra Leone	6	6	8			
Cost of Establishment 1906-7				428	.	2
Cost of establishment 1905-6	332	6	8	332	6	8
Increase				£ 95	13	6

(Signed) D.A.WALLBACH, S.T.O.

for Chief Transport Officer

23/11/06.

Certified true copy.

W.SCOTT EVANS. Assistant Secretary.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit my report on the Indian Clerks at present serving in the Secretariat I found on my return from leave this year that work had been allocated to them as follows:-

Sayed Hakim Shah	Charge of the Stationery Store.
Nazar Mahommed	Charge of the Index Book of correspondence.
Ahmad Din	General Clerical work.

(Signed) M.H.D.BERESFORD.
Secretary to the Administration.
28th November, 1906.

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Sayed Hakim Shah

(Salary £216 p.a.)

This clerk is careful and methodical in his work and has kept the Stationery Store Books in a neat and accurate manner. I do not however consider that he is a satisfactory clerk.

Formerly the work now done by him was done by an eighth Grade Clerk who in addition did ordinary clerical work in the office. Hakim Shah does not require quite so much supervision as did the African Clerk. I did not (and do not now) consider the work of the stationery Store sufficient to occupy the time of one man. I accordingly arranged for him to have additional duties.. Hakim Shah protested strongly that he was quite unable to do any more work efficiently than he was then doing. He stated that if extra work was given him he would be unable to keep it up to date and it would be certain to be always in arrear. He is resentful of control and and is sulky and disrespectful when corrected. Hakim Shah is now doing a portion only of the work formerly done by a Junior Clerk with salary of £72 per annum. In justice to him I must say that there is increased efficiency as far as the small amount of work he does do is concerned. In conclusion I would add that he has evinced no desire or inclination whatever to make himself acquainted with any other work of the Office although he was told when he first arrived that he must learn to use the typewriter he made no attempt to doso. The net result is that this man after nearly a year's work in the Office could not be put to do any other work than that he is now doing not altogether from want of intelligence but because he will not take the

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trouble to learn other duties. Your Excellency will understand that it is absolutely essential in a Secretariat, when emergency arises, to call on a clerk to perform other duties than those peculiarly his own. If he cannot do this his usefulness vanishes.

(Signed) M.H.D.BERESFORD.

Secretary.

28/11/06.

Certified true Copy

(Signed) W.SCOTT EVANS.

Asst.Secretary.

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Nazar Mohammad

(Salary £200 p.a.)

This is a most satisfactory clerk. He was on arrival given the Index Book of correspondence to keep. He displaced a third Grade Clerk drawing salary at the rate of £136 a year. I have already fully reported on this man's work. All his indexing was done in a slovenly and inaccurate manner and his handwriting in the Office Records was a disgraceful scrawl very difficult to read. He seriously delayed papers and caused much confusion by his inaccuracy. He like Hakim Shah was told that he should make himself acquainted with the other routine work of the Office and should learn to use the typewriter. He has not taken the trouble to do either, so that when he was taken off the Index Book work, it was not possible to give him any other work that he could usefully do.

(Signed) M.H.D.BERESFORD.

Secretary.

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Ahmad Din

(Salary £160 p.a.)

This clerk was not allocated to any particular Department but has been available for general clerical work and has for some time been attached to the Secretariat. I am pleased to be able to make a good report on this man. He is hardworking, keen on learning all the details of the Office work and takes an intelligent interest therein. As a result of that interest I feel that I can give him any work in the Office with the full assurance that after a little experience he will do it well. He has already been engaged on several different kinds of work all of which he has done to my satisfaction. He had no better opportunities of learning the routine work than had the other two Indian Clerks, but he has taken the trouble to do so while they have not.

(Signed) M.H.D.BERESFORD.

Secretary.

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From the Chief Transport Officer.

To The Secretary to the Administration.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential 91 of 1906, calling for a report on the Indian Clerk in this Office I have the honour to inform you I am in every way satisfied with the work of Fazal Ahmed.

Owing to the small and inadequate clerical staff in this Office he has had to deal with several classes of complicated work, each of which, should be dealt with by separate clerks.

Considering the conditions, Fazal Ahmed has carried out the work to my satisfaction in so far as it is possible for one clerk to have done so.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) A.L.ROSS.

Chief Transport Officer.

Zungeru,

17th October, 1906.

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Government House,

2nd Oct. 1906.

From the Acting Political Assistant.

To the Secretary to the Administration.

With reference to your Confidential letter No. 91 of the 24th ultimo asking for a Report regarding Mr Fazal Din, the Indian Clerk in the High Commissioner's Office and in reply thereto I have the honour to mention that he is exceedingly courteous, punctual in his attendance, and very painstaking with ordinary routine matters from which there is no deviation, but I regret to have to add further that he is without initiative and in my opinion his intelligence is not of a very high order.

2. I consider that his services are equivalent to those rendered by a sixth Grade Clerk.

(Signed) F.F.HOPKINS.

Ag.Political Assistant.

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Zungeru,

28th Sept. 1906.

Confidential Report on Mr Ram Chunder Sunkar, Indian Clerk, employed in Brigade Office.

This Clerk has now been employed in the Brigade Office for five months, He has shewn a considerable knowledge of office work in general, and has been quick to adapt himself to the particular work allotted to him.

He writes a fair hand, and is improving in type-writing.

He is willing and hard working, and is punctual and keen on his work.

He has given me every satisfaction.

(Signed) E.P.STRICKLAND, Major.
Actg. Brigade Major.

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The Treasury,

25th September, 1906.

From the Treasurer.

To the Secretary to the Administration.

With reference to the attached, I cannot express my satisfaction with the Indian Clerks.

Mr Beg as has already been reported does not get on well with the African Clerks.

Messrs Rhaman and Hassan both work dilligently but in no case do I consider that they are worth the salary they are being paid when it is compared with those paid to the African Staff.

It should be understood that none of the Indians know anything of Treasury work and have to be trained just as much as an 8th Grade African Clerk, whereas the Indians are paid much higher than trained Africans thus causing much dissatisfaction amongst the latter.

Another point is that the Indians are constantly suffering from ill health and absence from duty in consequence thereof.

(Signed) S.T.HARRISSON.

Treasurer.

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P.W.D.

Confidential Report.

Mahomed Din Malik - £250 per annum.

Supervisor.

A good draughtsman and Surveyor but does not possess much knowledge of construction Rather slack in carrying out orders and wanting in the capacity of looking a day/a head of his work and making arrangements to suit forthcoming needs.

Apparently has a much higher opinion of himself than those who have had to deal with him out here have been able to form of him.

Not fit to be in independent charge of work but may turn out a useful subordinate when his education is complete.

(Signed) F.J.LONGHURST.

Executive Engineer.

Zungeru

4th July 1906.

Secretary,

I forward the Executive Engineer's report but I think Mahomed Din should have a fair chance to show what he can do.

(Intd) J.E.

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Jno. Eaglesome,

Director of Public Works.

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P.W.D.

Confidential Report.

Mahomed Mubin - £250 per annum.

Supervisor. At present acting in charge of D.P. W's drawing Office.

A very willing and intelligent subordinate. There have been no opportunities of judging of his capacity either as a Surveyor or Supervisor of Works. He is a fair draughtsman whose youth has prevented him from obtaining much experience but who is improving every day and who is likely in time to make a most useful and reliable subordinate.

One of the very few of the first batch of Indians whom it is quite a pleasure to work.

(Signed) F.H.LONGHURST.

Executive Engineer.

Zungeru.

4th July, 1906.

Jno. Eaglesome,

Director of Public Works.

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From

The Director of Public Works.

To

The Secretary to the Administration.

I beg to refer you to my Confidential report dated 4th July 1906 re Malik Jan Mohammed and request you will be good enough to let me know as to what steps can further be taken in the matter. It is of the utmost importance that there should be an accounts Clerk who is able, even for a few days to carry on the current work of the Accounts Office in the absence of the Accountant.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) JNO EAGLESOME.

28/8/06
D. P. W.

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P. W. D.

Confidential Report.

Malak Jan Mohamed - £208 per annum. Employed as "cost of Works" Clerk in the Accounts branch of the D.P. W's Office.

Totally unfitted for the work both through lack of previous training and want of ability. Suffers much from fever thus compelling his frequent absence from Office.

Most careful to leave Office at the correct closing time regardless of whether his work is done or not.

Anything but a typical Indian Clerk and most disappointing to one who knows what Indian Clerks can do.

(Signed) F.H.LONGHURST.

Executive Engineer.

Secretary

For your consideration

(Intd) J.E.

Jno. Eaglesome,

Director of Public Works.

Zungeru,

4th July, 1906.

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The Treasury,

10th August, 1906.

From

The Treasurer.

To

The Secretary.

I forward herewith a report on Mr Beg one of the Indian Clerks of this Department. Since my return I have also received complaints from the Senior African Clerks as to this man's behaviour towards them and as friction in the Department, obstructs the work I have to request that Mr Beg be transferred as early as possible out of the Department.

(Signed) SYD.T.HARRISSON.

Treasurer.

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10th August, 1906.

To the Treasurer.

During the Acting Treasurer's Mr Bratt's absence I received several complaints about Mr M.Beg from Clerks in this Office. Mr Beg does not appear to have any tact in his dealings with the other clerks and his method of carrying out his instructions has given offence and caused friction generally. It has also been reported to me that Mr Beg is in the habit of writing private letters in the Office when the Correspondence Section of which he is in charge required all the assistance that can be spared it. I do not think Mr Beg's inability to get on with the African Clerks is due to race feeling as so far as I am aware no difficulty exists in the case of the other Indians in the Treasury.

(Signed) C.A.CUNINGHAM.

Assistant Treasurer.

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NORTHERN NIGERIA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Downing Street,

20 May, 1907.

Sir,

Sir Frederick Lugard in his confidential despatch of the 15th of May, 1906 dealing with the Indian clerks and Transport Drivers engaged for service in Northern Nigeria recommended:-
in paragraph 13, the grant of a special allowance to Mr. Carrigan;
in paragraph 14, the grant of certain incidental allowances to Mr. Lucking, Mr. Fazal Ahmed, and Naiks Karam Dad and Bostan;
and in paragraph 16 (a) and (b) the grant of certain sums to the Indian clerks and certain leave of absence.

2. I informed you in my confidential despatch of the 23rd of November that after consultation with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury I approved of the allowance for Mr. Carrigan and that the Crown Agents for the Colonies had paid him what was accordingly due to him.

3. I regret that by an oversight, I omitted to inform you at the same time that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had also approved of the proposals contained in paragraphs 14 and 16 (a) and (b) of Sir F. Lugard's confidential despatch of the 15th

of

High Commissioner
Lieutenant-Colonel
SIR PERCY GIROUARD, R.E.,K.C.M.G.,D.S.O.,
&c., &c., &c.

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of May, and to add my approval of these proposals to that of their Lordships.

4. I presume that pending the receipt of the necessary approval, the incidental allowances mentioned in paragraph 14 have not yet been paid, but I shall be glad to have definite information on this point. If they have not yet been paid, I propose to ask the India Office to pay Mr. Fazal Ahmed and Naik Bostan (both of whom have now left Northern Nigeria) the allowances due to them and to recover the amounts from the Crown Agents.

5. As regards paragraph 16 (a) Sir F. Lugard observes:- "I thought it advisable to show some liberality, and I trust that your Lordship will approve my action". From these words I gather that the payments referred to in that first section of the paragraph had already been made at the time that the despatch was written. But I shall be glad to know definitely whether or not the payments have been made. If the payments have not been made it will be necessary for me to know the names of those who came overland from Marseilles and also the exact period, in each case, for which the detention allowance (at the rate of 15/- a day for the two supervisors and 10/- a day for the others) was due. The necessary payments would then be made to those men who have left Northern Nigeria through the India Office and the amount recovered from the Crown Agents.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Sd) C. P. Lucas

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 97 para. 3

Dated June 14. 1907.

3. I forward copy of further correspondence† received from the Colonial Office, with enclosures, regarding certain Indian subordinates who have recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

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† Dated 18th, 20th, and 21st May 1907, and enclosures.

(Sent in advance by mail of 24th May 1907.)

[*In continuation of paragraph* 2 *of my Military Despatch No.* 90, *dated* 31*st May* 1907.]

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INDIA OFFICE,

28 MAY 1907

Sir

With reference to ~~I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of~~ your letter of the 21st May, No. 16096/1907 and ~~and to inform you in reply that~~ previous correspondence regarding the return to India of certain Indian subordinates who recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria, I am directed to enquire whether the men in question have now all embarked for Karachi.

(S'D) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 3.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Military ~~Supply~~ ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

24 MAY 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding certain Indian subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd) E. STEDMAN

General,
Military Secretary.

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See also M. 6730/1907

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 16096/1907

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Downing Street,

21 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 21st of April, the enclosed copy of further correspondence relating to Mr Malak Jan Mohammed one of the Indian Clerks engaged for service in Northern Nigeria.

Mr Malak Jan Mohammed to C.O. 23rd April.
C.A. to C.O. 4th May

2. It will be seen that Mr Malak Jan Mohammed sailed for India on the 24th of April having previously entered into the agreement with the Crown Agents of which a copy is enclosed with their letter to this Department of the 4th of May. You will be informed in due course of the sum which Mr Malak Jan Mohammed is liable to refund under the terms of that agreement.

RECEIVED 10 a.m. 22 MAY 1907 INDIA OFFICE.

3. Mr Malak Jan Mohammed in his letter to this Department of the 23rd of April raises three points:-

(i) The payment of his pension contributions by the Government of Northern Nigeria. This matter is dealt with in the third paragraph of the letter to you from this Department of the 18th of April.

(ii) The alleged non-payment of his family allotment in India at the rate of £12 a month for the months of October, November, and December last. This matter is dealt with in the fourth paragraph of the

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

the letter from this Department to the Crown Agents of the 18th of April a copy of which was enclosed in the letter from this Department to you of the same date.

(iii) Compensation for the fact that on the journey from Karachi to England in the Hall Line steamer "Trafford Hall" there was no second-class accommodation available with the result that an 'intermediate' passage only was provided; and also the question of a detention allowance for certain days in respect of that voyage.

This matter is dealt with in paragraph 16 (a) of Sir Frederick Lugard's confidential despatch of the 16th of May 1906 and in Lord Elgin's confidential despatch to the High Commissioner of the 20th of May 1907. Copies of both the despatches just named are being sent to you in another letter from this Department numbered 38299.

4. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Crown Agents.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. P. Lucas

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To
The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.

Sir,

With reference to your Department communication No.13690/1907, dated the 22nd April 1907 I beg to state that while I am laying the case before the Secretary of State for India for his decision I have decided to proceed to India on the date of the departure of the S.S."Chychassa" by which my passage has been booked by the Crown Agents.

I have learnt from the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies that neither the compensation which under clause 13 of the Agreement should have been paid to the Government of India in order to count my service in Nigeria continuously for pension has been paid evidently because of my having been on leave without pay for 3 years and 6 months nor the family allotment at the rate of £12 per mensen for the months of October, November and December 1906 respectively. As this will doubtless tell seriously on me you would be so good as to cause the former to be paid to the Government of India and the latter to me at your earliest convenience. I am already having no pay from either Governments since January last I do not know, apart from the deplorable circumstances I am now in on account of my continued ill-health both in Nigeria and in England, how my people at home will be suffering for want of money. Moreover, I would beg that you would

kindly

kindly order refund of the sum of about £14 or £15 being the compensation of our troubles in the cargo steamer while sailing from Kurrachi to Marseilles, as also of the daily allowance at the rate of 10/- a day during our stay in London in February 1906. This amouht was recommended to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by Sir Frederick Lugard immediately after our arrival in Nigeria and up to now it has never been paid.

I have, &c.,

(sd.) MALAK JAN MOHAMMED.

London,

23rd April, 1907

P.S. My address in India will be

"Clerk Office of Postmaster General

Punjab, Lahore India.

M. Passage 432/07.

Whitehall Gardens, London,S.W.
4th May, 1907.

Northern Nigeria.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.13890/1907 of the 21st of April I have the honour to inform you that we provided a passage to Karachi for Mr Malak Jan Mohammed by the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer which left London on the 24th ultimo, and that he duly embarked.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of an agreement into which we entered with him regarding the refund of the cost of his passage to India together with all sums expended on his account during his stay in this country

I have,etc.,

(sgd) H.Martin.

for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Agreement between Mr Malak Jan Mohammed and Crown Agents.

I Malak Jan Mohammed Clerk, Office of Postmaster General, Punjab, do hereby undertake to refund on my being called up on to do so the cost of my passage from England to India and all sums paid for my board and lodging during my stay in England in connection with the termination of my appointment as a Clerk, Northern Nigeria, together with the sum of two pounds (£2) the amount paid to me to cover my travelling expenses from Karachi to my home in India.

(sgd) Malak Jan Mohammed.

This is subject to the final decision of the Secretary of State for India. (Intd) M.J.M.

Witness (sgd) H.Warde.

Crown Agents' Office, S.W.

Date 23rd April, 1907.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 16407/1907

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1907.

DOWNING STREET,

20 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State of India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 1st of May No. 15135, the enclosed copy of further correspondence relating to the case of Mr. Fazal Ahmed one of the Indian natives, who has recently resigned his appointment in Northern Nigeria.

C.O. to Mr. Fazal Ahmed 20 May 1907

C.O. to C.A. 20 May 1907

I am,

Sir;

Your most obedient servant,

C. P. Lucas

RECEIVED
10 a.m.
21 MAY 1907
INDIA OFFICE.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

INDIA OFFICE.

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M. 6729 1907.

16407/1907 Downing Street,

20 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that it has been reported to him, as the result of the medical examination which you were directed (in the letter from this Department of the 16th of May) to undergo, that you will be physically fit to sail for India on Friday the 24th of May.

2. I am to remind you that you were informed, in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, that Lord Elgin saw no reason for interfering with, or altering, the action that had been taken by the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria in your case; and you were told to be ready to sail for Karachi on the 3rd of May for which date the Crown Agents would take your passage on your entering into the necessary agreement with them. You did not sail on the date in question, but called at this Office on the 2nd of May in order, as Lord Elgin understands, to submit reasons why you should not sail as directed. You were told then to submit in writing any representations that you wished to make, but no reply has been received from you on the subject apart from your letter with regard to your eyesight which has already been dealt with.

3. Arrangements were made some time back that a family allotment of £10 a month from your salary should be paid in India as from the 1st of October last. It appears

MR FAZAL AHMED.

appears, however, that these allotments have not actually been paid with the result that £20 of your salary is still due to you, for the payment of which you have applied in your letter of the 17th of May.

4. Lord Elgin now proposes that you should sail for Karachi on Friday the 24th of May from London by the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company's Steamer "Macedonia". The Steamship Company require to know from the Crown Agents not later than Tuesday the 21st whether a passage is to be reserved for you. You should therefore call at the Crown Agents' Office not later than 12.0 noon on Tuesday the 21st and inform them whether you are prepared to sail on Friday the 24th. If you are prepared to do so the Crown Agents will provide a passage for you for that date and they will deduct the cost (£16) from the £20 still due to you. They have also instructions to deduct from the £20 the sum of £4 which amounts approximately to your share of the expenses which the Crown Agents have incurred upon the hotel accommodation of yourself and your companions during your stay in London. If the actual share turns out to be less than the £4 deducted the balance will be paid to you later. In the circumstances it will not be necessary for you to enter into any agreement with the Crown Agents.

5. If you do not call at the Crown Agents Office by 12.0 noon punctually on Tuesday, and notify to them your willingness to sail on the 24th of May, they will pay you the sum of £16 (i.e. the £20 still due less the £4 mentioned above); but, in those circumstances

circumstances, they will not provide you with any passage to Karachi, and your case will be referred to the India Office for such action as the Secretary for India in Council may see fit to take.

6. A copy of this letter has been sent to the India Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd). C. P. Lucas

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IMMEDIATE.

16407/1907. Downing Street,

20 May, 1907.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 1st of May the enclosed copy of a further letter which has been addressed to Mr. Fazal Ahmed one of the Indian Natives who has recently resigned his appointment in Northern Nigeria.

C.O. to Mr. Fazal Ahmed. 20 May. 1907.

2. I am to request that you will take action in accordance with that letter.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) C. P. Lucas

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,
and the following Number quoted. 17025/1907.

P.P. 5910

M. 6661 1907.

Pressing

Downing Street,

18 May, 1907.

Sir,

Sayd Hakim Shah & Fazal Rahman to C.O. 13th May.
C.O.to -do- 17 May.
C.O. to Badruddin Hassan. 17 May.
C.O.to Mohammed Mubin. 17 May.
Naik Bostan to C.O. — May.
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C.O.to Cr.Agents. 18 May.

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, No.15135, the enclosed copy of further correspondence with regard to certain of the Indian natives who have recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H Bertram (pp)

The Under Secretary of State,

INDIA OFFICE.

RECEIVED 1 p.m. 18 May INDIA OFFICE.

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202 Euston Road, N.W.

Your Lordship,

We beg leave to state that we have been here in the Metropolis for a fortnight. It is understood that the Colonial Office had directed the Crown Agents to make arrangements for our board and lodging. Our Mr Adams, Agents of the Crown Agents took us to his own house. It was very uncomfortable and not worth living. Besides the meals supplied were very poor. Consequently we had to leave his house and took up our abode in another house in the same street. Now the Crown Agents despite our repeated requests say that they are not going to pay to us any amount of money as we do not live in the house of their Mr Adams. We have repeatedly explained to them that the arrangements made by Mr Adams are entirely unsatisfactory that we could not receive the full amount which was paid to him on our behalf, and requested them that either they should pay to us the allowance in cash, of which we could make a better use, or they should pay the housekeeper's weekly bills as they become due. But the Crown Agents would not agree at all.

We are at a loss to understand why we are compelled to abide by the arrangements made by Mr Adams which are so defective and causing all inconvenience.

We therefore, beg leave to bring to Your Lordship's kind notice that we are hard pressed for money to pay the bills of the housekeeper and beg leave

to

to request that as long as we are here the Crown Agents may be directed that either they should pay to us a reasonable amount as maintenance direct or pay the bills of the hotel themselves.

Hoping this humble petition will receive a favourable consideration at your Lordship's hands

We beg etc.,

(sgd) Hakim Shah Madani &

Mohamed Fazl Rahman Bukhari

P.S. We are two of those unfortunate Panjabi Mussalmans, who had to leave the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria under obligatory circumstances.

Dated London

13th May, 1907.

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17025/1907.

Downing Street,

17 May, 1907.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of May, in which you make complaints as to the hotel at which the Crown Agents for the Colonies arranged that you should stay pending your departure for India.

2. You were informed, in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, that Lord Elgin saw no reason for interfering with or altering the action that had been taken by the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria in your case; and you were told to be ready to sail for Karachi on the 3rd of May for which date the Crown Agents would take your passage on your entering into the necessary agreement with them. You did not sail on the date in question, but called at this Office on the 2nd of May in order, as Lord Elgin understands, to submit reasons why you should not sail as directed. You were told then to submit in writing any representations that you wished to make. The only reply received from you has been the letter now under acknowledgment, complaining as to your hotel quarters.

3. Lord Elgin now proposes that you should sail for Karachi on Friday the 24th of May from London by the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's Steamer "Macedonia". The Steamship Company require to know from the Crown Agents not later than Tuesday, the

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21st, whether a passage is to be reserved for you. You should therefore call at the Crown Agents' Office not later than 12 noon on Tuesday, the 21st, and inform them whether you are prepared to sail on Friday the 24th. If you are prepared to do so, you should, while at the Crown Agents' Office, enter into the agreement with them referred to in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, by which you will be liable for the refund of the cost of your passage to India and of your share of such amount as the Crown Agents shall have spent upon the hotel accommodation of yourself and your companions during your stay in London.

4. If you do not call at the Crown Agents' Office by 12 noon punctually on Tuesday, notify to them your willingness to sail on Friday the 24th, and there and then enter into the agreement referred to in the previous paragraph, the Crown Agents will not provide a passage to Karachi for you, and your case will be referred to the India Office for such action as the Secretary of State for India in Council may see fit to take.

5. Lord Elgin has read what you say in complaint of the quarters provided for you by the Crown Agents, together with your application fo have your hotel expenses on moving elsewhere, still paid by the Crown Agents. He is not prepared to entertain this application. I am to remind you, firstly, that it was merely as an act of grace and in order to save you temporary inconvenience that the Crown Agents

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6. You have also submitted a bill for 11/- paid to the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, on your landing there from West Africa. This is not a charge for which the Government of Northern Nigeria is liable, and the sum cannot be repaid to you.

7. A copy of this letter has been sent to the India Office.

To Mr.Fazal Rahman only.

8. You have also submitted to the Crown Agents a Memorandum dated the 8th of May (which has been referred by them to this Department) relating to your application made last year for compensation for the fact that on the journey from Karachi to England in the Hall Line Steamer "Trafford Hall" there was no second class accommodation available with the result that only an "intermediate" passage was provided for you; and relating to the further application made at the same time for detention allowance for certain days in respect of that voyage. Sir Frederick Lugard made various recommendations on these subjects last year in which recommendations Lord has concurred. Lord Elgin is now in communication with the High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria as to the exact sum due to

you

you in these respects and as to whether this sum or any portion of it has as yet been paid. When the High Commissioner's reply has been received the India Office will be asked to arrange for the payment to you through the Government of India of whatever sum may still be due.

I am &c.,

(SGD)

Mr. SAYAD HAKIM SHAH

Mr. FAZAL RAHMAN.

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Downing Street,

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Mr. SAYAD HAKIM SHAH

Mr. FAZAL RAHMAN.

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No. 15025/1907.

Downing Street,

9 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to remind you that you were informed, in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, that Lord Elgin saw no reason for interfering with, or altering, the action that had been taken by the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria in your case, and you were told to be ready to sail for Karachi on the 3rd of May for which date the Crown Agents would take your passage on your entering into the necessary agreement with them. You did not sail on the date in question, but called at this Office on the 2nd of May in order, as Lord Elgin understands, to submit reasons why you should not sail as directed. You were told then to submit in writing any representations that you wished to make, but no reply has been received from you.

2. Arrangements were made some time back that a family allotment of £12 a month from your salary should be paid in India as from the 1st of August last. It appears, however, that these allotments have not actually been paid with the result that £60 of your salary is still due to you.

3. Lord Elgin now proposes that you should sail for Karachi on Friday the 24th of May from London by the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's Steamer "Macedonia."

MR. MOHAMMED MUBIN.

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4. If you do not call at the Crown Agents Office by 12.0 noon punctually on Tuesday, and notify to them your willingness to sail on the 24th of May, they will pay you the sum of £56 (i.e. the £60 still due less the £4 mentioned above); but, in those circumstances, they will not provide you with any passage to Karachi, and your case will be referred to the India Office for such action as the Secretary for India in Council may see fit to take.

5. A copy of this letter has been sent to the India Office.

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Copy
No. 15085/1907.

Downing Street,

7 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to remind you that you were informed, in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, that Lord Elgin saw no reason for interfering with, or altering, the action that had been taken by the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria in your case; and you were told to be ready to sail for Karachi on the 3rd of May for which date the Crown Agents would take your passage on your entering into the necessary agreement with them. You did not sail on the date in question, but called at this Office on the 2nd of May in order, as Lord Elgin understands, to submit reasons why you should not sail as directed. You were told then to submit in writing any representations that you wished to make, but no reply has been received from you.

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URGENT

11 Euston Street, N.W.

To the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street.

Sir,

I beg to state that you very kindly allowed me to stay in England till the case of other Indians was settled and then to sail along with them. But I beg to bring under your kind notice that all my companions have shifted from Mr.Adams' house as it is too uncomfortable to suit us.

I would have faced all the discomforts had my companions stayed there but now I have been left alone and cut off from every society and I cannot understand English. In order to avoid trouble to Mr.Adams and to myself for the inconvenience which have been represented to Mr. Martins at Crown Agents Office.
I have arranged a residence including Board and Lodging &c., for 4/- per day as it is too difficult for me to mess with the people at Adams' House and he cannot comply with the desires which my religion require.
Under the circumstances I beg to pray that either Mr. Adams may be ordered to accommodate me where I can mess with my companions or the payment of 4/- per day may kindly be sanctioned till my companions leave England and I hope that by adopting either of these there will be a considerable saving to Government and no trouble to me for which I shall be grateful.

I beg etc.,
(Signed) BOSTAN.

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17025/1907. Downing Street,

7 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter received at this Office on the 15th of May in which you inform me that you have moved from the quarters provided for you by the Crown Agents.

2. You were informed, in the letter from this Department of the 1st of May, that you should be ready to sail for Karachi by the steamer leaving on the 3rd of May for which date the Crown Agents would take your passage. At an interview which you subsequently had at this Office you were informed that you might defer your departure so as to sail on the same date as your companions who ought to have sailed on the 3rd of May but did not do so.

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6. A copy of this letter has been sent to the India Office.

7. It is understood that one of your companions, Mr. Fazal Ahmed, is now living at the same address as yourself

yourself so that he will be able to translate this letter to you.

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NAIK BOSTAN.

4. If you do not call at the Crown Agents' Office by 12.0 noon punctually on Tuesday and notify to them your willingness to sail on Friday the 24th, the Crown Agents will not provide a passage for you to Karachi, and your case will be referred to the India Office for such action as the Secretary of State for India in Council may see fit to take.

5. Lord Elgin has read what you say as to your having left the quarters provided for you by the Crown Agents and as to your request that, notwithstanding this circumstance, the Crown Agents should still continue to pay for your board. Lord Elgin is not prepared to entertain this application. I am to remind you, firstly, that it was merely as an act of grace and in order to save you temporary inconvenience and expense - a serious consideration to you in view of the smallness of your salary - that the Crown Agents provided you with quarters; and secondly, that it was distinctly stated in the letter to you from this Department of the 1st of May that they would only pay your share of the hotel expenses if you obeyed such instructions as you might receive from them in the matter. In refusing to pay anything since your removal to other quarters, the Crown Agents have acted in accordance with his Lordship's instructions.

6. A copy of this letter has been sent to the India Office.

7. It is understood that one of your companions, Mr. Fazal Ahmed, is now living at the same address as yourself

yourself so that he will be able to translate this letter to you.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.)

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Downing Street,
18 May, 1907.

C.O.to Sayd Hakim Shah
" " Fazal Rahman
May 1907

C.O.to Badruddin Hassan
May 1907

C.O.to Mohammed Mubin
May 1907

C.O.to Naik Bostan
May 1907

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 1st of May (No.15135) the enclosed copy of further correspondence relating to certain of the Indian natives who have recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

2. I am to request that you will take action in accordance with those letters.

I am, &c.,

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 90. para. 3

Dated May 31. 1907.

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3. I forward herewith, copy of a letter‡ from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, regarding certain Indian subordinates who have recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

M 6116.

‡ Dated 7th May 1907.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 2 *of this Despatch.*]

(Form 5.)

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Copy Reference from the Finance Department.

Register No. F 3573. Dated 190 .

Referred to Military Department.
Dated 8 May 1907.

For his information and any observations he may have to offer

S[d] H. Newmarch.

In view of the connected corresp[ce]. now being sent out to India in the Military dept, it would appear preferable that the attached letter from the Crown Agents should also be sent out in that dept.

In anticipation of the Mily. Secry. agreeing to this course, the letter is transferred accordingly.

(S[d]) H. Newmarch

13 May 07

Reply.
Dated 11 May 1907.

Noted. I annex for information correspondence with the Colonial Office regarding the Indian subordinates who have recently resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria

(S[d]) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

A copy of the letter from the Crown Agents will be sent to the Govt of India

15 May 07

(S[d]) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

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Misc. 749.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TEL. ADD. "CROWN, LONDON."

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.

7th May, 1907

Sir,

Referring to your letter No. F.2996 of the 26th of April I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Northern Nigeria states that the following Indian Clerks have resigned their appointments from the dates set opposite their names:-

Mr. Sayad H. Shah	24th March, 1907.
" S.N.Mohammed	2nd February, 1907.
" M. Fazel Raham	24th March, 1907.
" Rustam Ali	7th February, 1907.
" Malak Jan Mohammed	7th February, 1907.

2. We are prepared to pay the pension contributions due from the 1st of April 1906 to the dates of resignation on receipt of a claim from the India Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RECEIVED
10 a.m.
8 MAY 1907
INDIA OFFICE.

for Crown Agents.

The Under-Secretary of State,
etc., etc., etc.,
India Office.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 90. para. 2

Dated May 31. 1907.

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2. I forward herewith copy of a further letter† from the Colonial Office, regarding the return to India of a Veterinary Assistant lately employed in Northern Nigeria.

M 5910.

† Dated 3rd May 1907, and enclosures. (Sent in advance by mail of 10th May 1907.)

[*In continuation of paragraph* 1 *of my Military Despatch, No.* 85, *dated* 24*th May* 1907.]

(Form 5.)

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Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

In S. ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

9 MAY 1907

9 MAY 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding the return to India of a Veterinary Assistant recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

General,
Military Secretary.

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16759. I. 2308. 250.—12/1905.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 9389/1907.

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M. 5910 1907.

Downing Street,

3 May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 28th of February last, the enclosed copy of correspondence relating to the resignation by Mr.Rustam Ali of his appointment as a Veterinary Assistant in the Transport Department of Northern Nigeria.

.A.G. Northern
igeria. Confd.
th February, 1907.

r.Rustam Ali to C.O
ndated.

.O. to Mr.Rustam
li. 13th March.

Rustam Ali to
.O. 13th March.

.O. to Crown Agents
3 May, 1907.

2. Mr.Beresford's confidential despatch of the 6th of February, a copy of which accompanies the present letter, refers to his previous confidential despatch of the 31st of January. That despatch dealt with the cases of all the eight Indians who have resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria and a copy of it was transmitted to you with the letter from this Department of the 18th of April which dealt with the case of one of them, viz., Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed.

3. It will be seen that a passage to Karachi was provided for Mr.Rustam Ali by the British India Company's steamer "Culna" which left London on the

14th

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
INDIA OFFICE.

RECEIVED
10 a.m.
4 MAY 1907
INDIA OFFICE.

14th of March.

4. Lord Elgin has seen the correspondence which has passed between the India Office and the Crown Agents with regard to the payment of the pension contributions of those among the Indian natives employed in Northern Nigeria who hold pensionable appointments in India.. It appears from this correspondence that Mr.Rustam Ali was one of these, and that his pension contributions became payable by the Government of Northern Nigeria from the 9th of January 1906. It will no doubt be made clear in due course from India on what date his pension contributions cease to be payable by the Protectorate. You will observe that a copy of this letter is being sent to the Crown Agents.

5. It will be seen from the enclosed copy of the letter addressed on even date to the Crown Agents that Mr.Rustam Ali was not made to enter into the agreement making him liable for the cost of his share of the hotel expenses in England and of his return passage to India, which have been paid by the Protectorate. This circumstance was due to the fact that the arrangements for his departure had to be made at short notice and somewhat hurriedly. The sums in question were sums which Mr.Rustam Ali, having resigned his appointment, has no claim to have paid for him by the Protectorate. As he is returning to an appointment under the Government of India it would still no doubt be practicable to obtain a refund of these sums by means of deductions from his

salary.

salary. But, as he was allowed to leave England for India without entering into any agreement on the subject, and as Lord Elgin is unwilling to insist upon any claim which does not arise directly from a written agreement, his Lordship does not propose to ask for any refund in this case.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. J. Arbuthnot

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NORTHERN NIGERIA Government House,

Confidential Zungeru, 6th February, 1907

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My Lord,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of the 31st ultimo, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that Rustam Ali, Indian Veterinary Assistant, Transport Department, whose resignation I reported in the despatch referred to, elected to pay one month's salary and leave Zungeru by this mail in lieu of three months' notice previously tendered. I will cable the date of his probable arrival in England when he has left Burutu.

2. When this man came out to Northern Nigeria he, in common with other Transport attendants, ~~were~~ was given special treatment by Messrs Elder Dempster and Company as Third Class Passengers. No such arrangements could be made from this end and as the exposure as a Deck Passenger would have been too much for this Indian, I was compelled to require him to lodge with the Treasurer in return for an Ocean Ticket from Burutu to England the sum of £22.10.0 the cost of a 2nd Class passage. I would recommend for Your Lordship's consideration that as Rustam Ali's salary is

The Right Honourable,
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

is only £84 per annum the difference between what he would have paid as a Deck Passenger (£15) and the amount deposited by him might be refunded to him through the Crown Agents.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most,
Obedient humble Servant,

W. H. D. Bamford

for Acting High Commissioner.

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To the Right Honourable

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London.

May it please your Lordship,

Your Lordship's humble Memorialist begs leave to represent his case with every hope that due justice will be administered.

Your humble Memorialist is one of the 40 unfortunate Indians imported into the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria. That he your Memorialist was not a novice in his profession, nor a boy who would have felt homesick is a self-evident fact. Before coming to Nigeria he was a permanent pensionable employe of the British Government in India.+ He had successfully and honourably discharged his duties while in China expedition, Somaliland Field Force, having also participated in many other active services within India, such as Tirah, Chitral and Waharastan Field Forces.

+ It was not the first occasion that he had been brought out of India.

In November last your Memorialist received intimation from India that within one single month 8 of his relatives had succumbed to the epidemic of plague. He accordingly submitted resignation of his appointment with the Protectorate, inviting kind attention of his Nigerian Officers to the hard and diligent work that he had done in the Protectorate, notwithstanding the harsh treatment and the filthy and abusive language that he had always received at the hands of Mr.Lucking, the Assistant Transport Officer, and having been subjected to occasional

taunts

taunts and slights by other officers, whose sick horses and dogs etc., he was every now and then directed to attend and treat. Your humble Memorialist was ordered by the Secretary to the Administration to deposit passage money from Burutu to Plymouth before he could be allowed to proceed home. Your Memorialist represented that his pay was only £7 a month, out of which £5 a month had all along been paid to his people at home, sum of £1. 8. 0 was monthly deducted out of the remaining £2 towards recovery of advance made in India, and thus only 12/- were locally paid to him which could barely meet with his ordinary expenses. Your Memorialist further represented Mr.Nazar Mohammed Clerk's case, who had resigned his appointment by giving 3 months' notice, and while his work even was not good his pay even was much more (£17 a month) yet he was allowed a free return passage together with the pay for the voyage period and a free issue of warm clothing etc., hence your Memorialist's case deserved a more lenient treatment. But to his ill-luck your Memorialist was disappointed, and had in consequence to dispose of all his personal effects and to make up the deficiency by borrowing money from other Indians in order to deposit the sum of £22. 10. 0 demanded by the Secretary.

Under these circumstances your Memorialist respectfully entreats that the following items may kindly be accorded a generous consideration:-

£1. 15. 0. = (1) Pay for 7 days of February @ £7 p.m.
£22. 10. 0. = (2) Refund of Passage money from Brutu to Plymouth.
£1. 10. 0. = (3) Railway fare etc., from Plymouth to London.
£2. 0. 0. = (4) Cost of the warm clothing (as paid to Mr.Nazar Mohamed

Mohamed Clerk

£ ?

(5) Pay for the period intervening between the date of leaving Zungeru and that of resuming charge of duties in India.

(6) 2 months' leave required to put to right home affairs.

Your Memorialist sanguinely hopes a compassionate view of his case will be taken for which kindness he shall always pray for your Lordship's welfare.

Your Lordship's &c.,

(SGD) RUSTAM ALI.

Veterinary Assistant.

20, Seymour Street,

London. N.W.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 85 para. 1

Dated May 24 1907.

MY LORD,

I forward herewith copy of a further letter* from the Colonial Office regarding certain Indian subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria.

M 5775.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 4 *of my Military Despatch No.* 83, *dated* 17*th May* 1907.]

* Dated 1st May 1907, and enclosures. (Sent in advance by mail of 3rd May 1907.)

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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U. S. of S.
Colonial Office,

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INDIA OFFICE,

3 MAY 1907

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st May, No. 15135, regarding ~~and to inform you in reply that~~ certain Indian subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria and to inform you in reply that a copy of the letter and of the correspondence forwarded therewith will be transmitted to the Govt. of India.

Para. below.

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(Sd.) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

2.5.07

(Form 10.)

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Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

July Supply 28. ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

8 MAY 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding certain Indian subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) E. STEDMAN.

General,

Military Secretary.

(Sd.) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

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2.5.07

(Form 3.)

16759. I. 2398. 250.—12/1905.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 15135/1907.

pp 5414

M. 5775 1907.

DOWNING STREET,

May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 23rd of April, the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Acting High Commissioner relating to the five Indians named in the above-quoted letter who have resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

Wallace. Conf. 28th March.

O. to Messrs bin, Rahman, med, Shah, Hassan / May, 1907.

O. to Mr. Bostan. / May, 1907.

O. to C.A. / May, 1907.

2. The circumstances in which these five men resigned their appointments are explained in the Acting High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 31st of January a copy of which accompanied the letter from this Department of the 18th of April dealing with Mr. Malak Jan Mohammed.

3. It will be seen that a sixth Indian, viz Naik Bostan of the Transport Department, has also resigned his appointment. Lord Elgin does not at present know anything about this particular resignation beyond what is contained in the enclosed despatch. In paragraph 2 of that despatch Naik Bostan is included among those who have "lodged with the Treasurer the cost of their passages to England". As Mr. Bostan's salary is only £24

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

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£24 a year, it does not seem clear what sum he has lodged. Lord Elgin is writing to the High Commissioner on this point.

4. It will also be seen from the letter which has been addressed to Mr. Bostan from this Department (a copy of which together with a copy of the letter in identical terms to the other five, and of the letter to the Crown Agents about the whole six, is enclosed with the present letter) that he is not being called upon to enter into the agreement with the Crown Agents providing for liability to refund the sums which the Crown Agents will be incurring for the Government of Northern Nigeria on his account. As regards the other five men, two of them (clerks Said Hakim Shah and Fazal Rahman) are returning to pensionable appointments in India, so that it should be practicable to obtain the repayment of the sums provided for in the agreement with the Crown Agents by means of gradual instalments from salary. In the case of the other three men (viz: Mohammed Mubin, Fazal Ahmed, and Badruddin Hassan) Lord Elgin is not aware what prospect they have of obtaining further government employment on their return to India. If they should not obtain such employment the agreement between them and the Crown Agents will probably become a dead letter and the amounts there mentioned be difficult to recover. But it seems to his Lordship that the three men should at any rate enter into the agreement before leaving England.

5. With regard to the two men who are returning to pensionable posts (Fazal Rahman and Said Hakim Shah) the Government of India will no doubt state in

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due course up to what dates their pension contributions are payable by the Government of Northern Nigeria.

6. It will be seen that it is being arranged that all the six men should sail for Karachi on the 3rd of May.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Nicholson

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NORTHERN NIGERIA,

Confidential.

Government House,

Zungeru, 28th March, 1907.

My Lord,

With reference to recent correspondence ending with my Confidential despatch of 31st January last on the subject of the resignations of certain Indian subordinates employed by this Administration, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that by the boat due to leave Burutu about the 6th proximo passages will be taken to England for the following Indians:-

M. Mubin — Public Works Department
Sayad Hakim Shah — Secretariat
M.F. Rahman and B.D. Hassan — Treasury and
Fazal Ahmad and Naik Rostan of the Transport Departmen

2. These subordinates have all lodged with the Treasurer the cost of their passages to England and I shall be glad if Your Lordship will be so good as to cause arrangements to be made for their repatriation. I have informed Your Lordship by telegraph of the inten sailing of these men.

3. With regard to Sayad Hakim Shah I am addressing Your Lordship in a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
Most Obedient humble Servant,

Wm Wallace

Acting High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable,
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

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Copy.

No.15135/1907.

Downing Street,
May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria has reported to him the circumstances in which you resigned your appointment as a (1) Supervisor (2-5) Clerk in the Public Works Department in the Protectorate; and that Lord Elgin sees no reason for interfering with, or altering, the action that has been taken in your case.

2. You should be ready to sail for Karachi by the City and Hall Line steamer leaving Liverpool on Friday the 3rd of May. The Crown Agents will take a passage for you by that steamer; they will also pay, in the first instance your share of the necessary hotel expenses while in London, your third-class railway fare from London to Liverpool, and your share of the necessary hotel expenses in Liverpool previous to your departure from that port, subject always to your obeying such instructions as you may receive from them with regard to these matters. The above payments will, moreover, only be made, and your passage to India provided, after you have entered into an agreement with the Crown Agents by which you will be liable to repay the cost of the passage, railway fare and hotel expenses

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to the Government of Northern Nigeria. The refund of these sums will be made by gradual instalments after your return to India and the instalmentswill be arranged for by the Government of India.

3. It has been explained to the Secretary of State for India in Council that you will be sailing for India on Friday the 3rd instant.

I am, &c.

(Sgd)

(Sgd) R. L. ANTROBUS.

Mr. Mohammed Mubin.
Mr. Sayad Hakim Shah.
Mr. Mohammed Fazal Rhaman.
Mr. Badruddin Hassan.
Mr. Fazal Ahmad.

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15135/1907.

Downing Street,

/ May, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that he has received a despatch from the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria from which it appears that you have resigned your appointment in the Transport Department of that Protectorate.

2. You should therefore be ready to sail for Karachi by the City and Hall Line steamer leaving Liverpool on Friday the 3rd of May. The Crown Agents will take a passage for you by that steamer, and will pay your share of the necessary hotel expenses while in London, your third-class railway fare from London to Liverpool, and your share of the necessary hotel expenses in Liverpool previous to your departure from that port subject always to your obeying such instructions as you may receive from them with regard to these matters. Owing to the fact that you draw a considerably smaller salary than the Clerks and Public Works Supervisors who will be returning to India with you, you will not be called upon to enter into an agreement with the Crown Agents making you liable for a refund of the above sums as is being done in their case. But it should be clearly understood that this treatment is accorded to you as a matter of grace, inasmuch as the sums in question are not ones for which the Government of Northern Nigeria is legally liable in respect of a man who has resigned his appointment.

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4. It has been explained to the Secretary of State for India in Council that you will be sailing for India on the 3rd of May.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS.

NAIK BOSTAN.

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M. 5775 1907.

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15135/1907. DOWNING STREET,

May, 1907.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 23rd of April a copy of the letter which has been addressed in identical terms, to the five Indians whose names were given in the above-quoted letter and who have resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria. A sixth Indian (Naik Bostan of the Transport Department) who has apparently also resigned his appointment has arrived at the same time, and a copy of the letter addressed to him is enclosed.

2. I am to request that you will take the action indicated in the letters to the six men as regards passage to India, railway fare to Liverpool, and hotel expenses in London and Liverpool, after entering into the necessary agreement in each case except that of Naik Bostan.

3. A copy of the letter addressed to the India Office about the six men is enclosed.

4. Two of the men, Mr. Mohammed Mubin and Mf. Fazal Ahmed

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

[illegible] to Messrs [illegible]bin, Rhhman, [illegible]med, Shah, Hassan.

[illegible]. to Mr. Bostan.

[illegible] O. to I.O.

1 May

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Fazal Ahmed, have had allotments from their salary paid in India, until this arrangement was cancelled by the telegram from the Secretary in Northern Nigeria to you of the 18th of January last. You will doubtless inform the Protectorate Government in due course what sums in all have been paid in India in respect of these two men's allotments so that the Protectorate Government may know whether there is any outstanding sum due either from, or to, them.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 83 para. 4

Dated 17. 5. 1907.

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4. I forward herewith copy of further correspondence* regarding the return to India of certain subordinates who have been employed in Northern Nigeria.

M 5414.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 2 *of my Military Despatch No.* 48, *dated* 22*nd March* 1907.]

* From Colonial Office, dated 18th April 1907, and enclosures.
From ditto, dated 21st April 1907, and enclosures.
From ditto, dated 21st April 1907, and enclosures.
From ditto, dated 23rd April 1907.
(Sent in advance by mail of 26th April 1907.)

(Form 5.)

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

In S. ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

26 APL. 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding the return to India of certain subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.

General,

Military Secretary.

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U. S. of S.
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,

24 APL. 1907

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 18th/21st & 23rd April, Nos. 12684, 13889 & 11278 & 13890, with enclosures, ~~and to inform you in reply that~~ regarding certain Indian subordinates recently employed in Northern Nigeria and to inform you in reply that a copy of the correspondence will be sent to the Govt. of India for their information.

Para. below.

(Sd.) E. STEDMAN,
General,
Military Secretary.

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23.4.07

(Form 10.)

17272. I. 795. 10,000 and 1,000.—4/1906.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 11278/1907.

P.P. N 5384

M 5414 1907.

Downing Street,

23 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed bythe Earl of Elgin to state, for the information of the Secretary of State in Council of India, with reference to the letter from this Department of the 28th of February, that a telegran has been received from the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria from which it appears that the remaining five of the eight Indians who have resigned their appointments in that Protectorate left Burutu for England on the 8th of April so that they are due in this country on the 25th instant.

2. The three who have already arrived are Mr Malak Jan Mohammed and Mr Din Malik (about whom communications have recently been addressed to you) and Rustum Ali who has already sailed for India and about whom a separate communication is being addressed to you.

3. The names of the five Indians due on the 25th of April are:-

Mohammed Mubin (Supervisor Public Works Department)
Sayad Hakim Shah (Clerk);
Mohammed Fazal Rhaman (Clerk);
Bahruddin Hassan (Clerk);
Fazal Ahmed (Clerk);

RECEIVED 10 a.m. 24 APR. 1907 INDIA OFFICE.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
INDIA OFFICE.

A further letter, or letters, will be addressed to you about these men in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

COPY

9091/1907.

Downing Street,

13th March, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter received at this Office on the 12th of March.

2. The Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria has explained the circumstances in which you have resigned your appointment in Northern Nigeria and Lord Elgin sees no reason for interfering with or altering the action that has been taken in your case. You should therefore sail for India to-morrow (Thursday) as is being arranged for you by the Crown Agents after signing the agreement which they have instructions to enter into with you by which you will be liable for the refund of your share of the hotel expenses while in London and also of your passage back from England to India. This refund will be made by gradual instalments which will be arranged through the Government of India.

3. The Acting High Commissioner has explained that you have paid in to the Northern Nigeria Government the amount (£22. 10. 0) of your second class passage back from Northern Nigeria to England; but he has explained that if it had been possible to send you back with a third class instead of a second class passage to England you would only have had to pay £15 instead of £22. 10. 0. The Acting High Commissioner has therefore recommended that you should be repaid the difference (namely £7. 10. 0) between these two sums. Lord Elgin agrees to this and the Crown Agents have been instructed to pay you this sum accordingly.

I am &c.,

(SGD) R.L.ANTROBUS.

MR.RUSTAM ALI.

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To the Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Sir,

I received your letter No. 9091 of 1907. It was handed to me by Mr. Adam of the Crown Agents' Office. I am at a loss to understand why such harsh and unreasonable answer has been given. I regret to learn that Lord Elgin sees no reason for interfering with or altering the action that has been taken in my case by the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria. Further I regret my inability to sign any further agreement as the one signed in India, trusting to the word of the Recruiting Agent of the Nigerian Government has brought upon me untold sufferings and has impoverished me. If my passage is provided for I am willing to sail for India whenever desired.

I have &c.,

(SGD) RUSTAM ALI KHOWAJA.

13.3.1907.

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9389/1907.

Downing Street,

3 May, 1907.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the letter which was addressed from this Department on the 13th of March to Mr.Rustam Ali, one of the Indian natives engaged for service as a Veterinary Assistant in the Transport Department of Northern Nigeria, with regard to his return to India on the 14th of that month.

C.O. to Mr.Rustam Ali 13th March, 1907.

C.O. to I.O. 3 May, 1907.

2. It is understood that Mr.Rustam Ali duly sailed from London in the British India Company's steamer "Culna" on the 14th of March for Karachi, but that, while the cost of his passage on this occasion and his share of the hotel expenses during the days for which he was in London have been paid by the Government of Northern Nigeria, he did not enter into the agreement with you referred to in the letter to him from this Department. No sums can, therefore, be recovered from him in this connection.

3. Lord Elgin observes from the correspondence (which he has perused) which has passed between the Secretary in Northern Nigeria, you, and the India Office, with regard to the payment in India of allotments from the salary of certain of the Indians employed in Northern Nigeria, that in the case of Mr.Rustam Ali an allotment of £5 a month has been paid since the 1st of September 1906 but that this arrangement was cancelled by a telegram from the Secretary in

Northern

Northern Nigeria to you of the 18th of January last. You will doubtless inform the Protectorate Government in due course what is the total amount of the allotments paid in India on behalf of Mr.Rustam Ali, so that the Protectorate Authorities may know definitely that there is no outstanding sum due either from or to him.

4. I am at the same time to enclose a copy of a letter which has been sent to the India Office about Mr.Rustam Ali's return to India.

I am &c.,

(SGD) R.L. Antrobus

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 13889/1907.

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P.P. 5289

M
5384
1907.

Downing Street,

21 April, 1907.

(Ig) ~~Gentlemen~~ Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 18th instant, the enclosed copy of further correspondence with Mr. Mohamed Din Malik, one of the Natives of India recently employed in Northern Nigeria, relative to his return to India.

Mr. Din Malik to C.O. 19th Apl. 1907

C.O. to Mr. Din Malik 21. April, 1907.

I am,

~~Gentlemen~~ Sir (Ig)

Your most obedient servant,

C. P. Lucas

RECEIVED
1 p.m.
23 APR. 1907
INDIA OFFICE.

~~THE CROWN AGENTS~~

~~FOR THE COLONIES.~~

The Under Secretary of State
India Office.
(Ig)

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1907.

To The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, London, S.W.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No.1338/1907) of the 18th instant, received this morning. I regret you do not say what "explanation" the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria has made to the plain facts that leave on Urgent Private Affairs was granted me and that I was asked to make over charge of my duties to my successor and after doing so I had actually proceeded as far as Zungeru (a journey of about 300 miles) on my way home when Mr. Ridsdale opened a fresh correspondence and as I explained to you in my last letter compelled me to tender my resignation and gave me permission to proceed to this country and lay my appeal before the Secretary of State for Colonies.

I have in my possession all the original documents to prove these facts and shall be most happy to submit them, if need be, for your kind consideration. Should you wish to know more as to my personnel Sir Frederick Lugard, the late Governor who knows me personally might be referred to.

The 3rd paragraph of your letter under reference is a painful surprise to me. The Recruiting Officer of the Nigerian Government is entirely responsible for this. Should the Indian Government adhere to this decision, my case becomes harder still and trust you will be kind enough to grant my request.

I have, etc.,

(sgd)MOHAMED DIN MALAK.
Sup.N.Nigeria
20 Seymour St,N.W.

London,19th April,1907.

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COPY.

13889/1907.

Downing Street,

21 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant. I am to state that Lord Elgin has nothing to add to the letter from this Department of the 18th instant except that, as you have probably already learnt from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the date of the departure of the British India Company's steamer which was to have left London for India on the 20th instant, has been postponed till Tuesday the 23rd instant. If you do not strictly comply with the instructions contained in the letter from this Department of the 18th instant (except for the above alteration of the actual date of sailing) it will not be possible for the Government of Northern Nigeria to afford you any further assistance towards getting back to India and you would have to make all the arrangements on your own account.

I am, etc.,

MR. MOHAMMED DIN MALIK.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following Number quoted. 13890/1907.

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P.P. 5289

M. 5383 1907.

Downing Street,

21 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 18th instant, the enclosed copy of further correspondence with Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed, one of the natives of India recently employed in Northern Nigeria, relative to his return to India.

Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed. to C.O. 21 April.

C.O. to Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed. 21 April.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C P Lucas

RECEIVED 1 p.m. 23 APR. 1907 INDIA OFFICE.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR INDIA.

COPY

To the Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London. S.W.

Sir,

No.12684/1907
Dated 18th April
1907.

I thank you for your letter just to hand. I am at a loss to understand it. All along I have asked to be allowed to return to India.

I was ill all through the period of my service in Northern Nigeria and was gradually losing both my health and strength and repeatedly requested the authorities there to invalid me home. Evidently there was some misunderstanding of my complaint then as I have now clearly proved by the high testimony of ~~—~~ two independent medical men in this country and also by the testimony of Sir Patrick Manson, your own valued medical adviser.

I simply ask that my pay, passage and expenses &c., should be arranged on the principle of my being invalided home and as soon as this is done I shall be most happy to take the first outgoing steamer to India.

I beg &c.,

(SGD) MALAK JAN MOHAMMED.

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COPY

13890/1907.

Downing Street,

21 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to acknowledge the receipt of your undated letter received at this Office on the 20th instant. I am to state that Lord Elgin has nothing to add to the letter from this Department of the 18th instant, except that, as you have probably already learnt from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the date of the departure of the British India Company's steamer which was to have left London for India on the 20th instant, hasbeen postponed till Tuesday the 23rd instant. If you do not strictly comply with the instructions contained in the letter from this Department of the 18th instant (except for the above alteration of the actual date of sailing) it will not be possible for the Government of Northern Nigeria to afford you any further assistance towards getting back to India. As you hold a pensionable appointment in the service of the Government of India, your case would then be left in the hands of the Secretary of State for India in Council, to bedealt with as might be thought best.

I am &c.,

(SGD)

MR. MALAK JAN MOHAMMED.

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The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the Proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD assembled

at Zungeru N. Nigeria

on the 8th Jany 1907 by order of

H.E. the actg. High Commissioner

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of Badruddin Hassan Treasury Dept

PRESIDENT— Dr. W. H. Langley C.M.G. D.P.M.O

MEMBERS. Dr. M. C. Blair

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that he is in good physical health; that his abdominal and Thoracic Viscera appear to be normal, and his bodily functions are efficiently performed.

The Board further find that the mental defect, of which he Complains, is not of medical importance

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows :—

(1.) Is the officer fit for service at home or abroad? Yes: from the medical p

(2.) If not so fit, how long is the disability likely to continue?

(3.) Was the disability contracted in the service?

(4.) Was it caused by Military duty *?

(5.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control?

(6.) If caused by Military duty or service, the nature of such duty or service to be briefly and clearly stated.

Signatures W H Langley D P M O
M Bremer on Blair.

* Enteric Fever, dysentery, &c., contracted when on service abroad is to regarded as caused by Military duty.

Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of the 30th Jan: 1907

The Secretary to the Administration

through Senior Transport Officer

Honored Sir,

I respectfully beg that the following representation of mine may kindly be forwarded to His Excellency the High Commissioner for his generous consideration.

"It is to my great ill luck that lately I have contracted a "Terigium" in my right eye which is so rapidly increasing that by this time I have nearly lost the eye. I am afraid that a slight injury to my left eye however small would render me totally unfit for anything. The organ in question being the most important factor of life its loss has put me in a considerable anxiety and compels me to submit to a knife operation without delay. Dr Twomey was however prepared to operate but expressed his inability to do so owing to certain local circumstances of the climate. Thus the shortage of eye sight occasioned is causing an interruption in the efficient and prompt discharge of my official duties which the present circumstances of the Department demand. Further my general health has suffered to a great deal owing to worries and anxieties reulting from many causes which are too numerous to detail. On the grounds represented above I with great regret tender my resignation and in doing so beg humbly to add that owing to certain causes I am unable to have myself treated in this country and would request that I may kindly be sent back to India under any circumstances whatever which would not entail my sojourn here any longer.

Begging to be excused for the interruption caused hereby.

I beg &c.,

(sgd) Fazal Ahmed

Indian Clerk Transport Department

5th January, 1907

Certified true copy

W Scott Evans

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The Signature of each Officer composing the Board, &c., should be attached at the end of the Proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD assembled

at Zungeru. N Nigeria

on the 10th January 1907 by order of H. E. the Actg High Commr.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of Fazl Ahmed. Indian Clerk. Transport Treasury Dept.

PRESIDENT— Dr. M. C. Blair

MEMBERS. Dr. J. H. Paterson.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that he is in good general health; that his Abdominal and Thoracic viscera are normal, anatomically and physiologically; and that he states that his general health is good. He suffers from a Pterygium: an affection of the eye which may call for operative interference. The Board further find that any operative interference had better be deferred until the advent of the rains: and that such delay will not be inimical to the officer's well-being.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

(1.) Is the officer fit for service at home or abroad? Yes.

(2.) If not so fit, how long is the disability likely to continue?

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J. H. Paterson

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Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

To The Secretary to the Administration

Through Senior Transport Officer

Sir,

With reference to the conclusion arrived at by Board of Medical Officers on the state of my eye I beg respectfully to state that I wish to submit to a knife operation earlier than the advent of rainy season (viz: about June 07) and in order to enable me to do so I have no ~~xxxxx~~ course but to secure a discharge under circumstances whatever.

Therefore I humbly request that my letter dated 5th January 07 may kindly be dealt with under Clause 8 para 2 of my Agreement and I may be allowed to return to India at an early date.

I would also beg leave to add that my 14 months hard labour in the service of this Protectorate and moreover in the Transport Department may kindly be considered when disposing ~~any~~ my pitiable case as it is evident that I contracted the ailment which compels me to seek premature retreat; in the service of this Government

Putting myself at Your ~~mercy~~ and requesting your kind favor agian and again.

I beg &c.,

(sgd) Fazal Ahmed

Indian Clerk

17. 1. 07 Transport Department.

Certified true copy

W. Scott Evans

Asst: Secretary

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I beg &c.,

(sgd) Fazal Ahmed

Indian Clerk

17. 1. 07 Transport Department.

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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Enclosure No in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

To The Director of Public Works

Zungeru,

Sir,

With due respect I beg to state as follows:- that owing to some special reasons which I cannot write in this petition I am obliged to resign my post at once. The principal reason is that on account of the injustice done to me in Cantonment Magistrate Court, I have to go s and appeal in England, I cannot think at all that under the present state of circumstances I can expect any justice here. I beg that I may be sent to England by the next mail and as regards the cost of my passage etd I shall settle everything in England.

Hoping that the matter may be treated as urgent and obliged.

I have, &c.,

(sgd) Mohamad Mubin

Supervisor, P. W. D.

Dated 24th December 1906

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan:1907

To The Secretary to the Administration

Through Proper Channel

Honored Sir,

I beg humbly to request that the following representation of mine may kindly be forwarded to His Excellency the High Commissioner for favorable consideration.

I have continually been receiving letters from India that 8 members of my family have died by plague during August last and consequently their property both moveable and immoveable is entirely uncared for and I being the lawful heir of it and at such a distant place am unable to manage it. Under the circumstances which are so embarassing and painful to me I see no course of relief but to go back to my native land and settle this most important domestic affair. I therefore hereby beg respectfully to tender my esignation with effect from 4th December 1906 and in doing so humbly pray that after expiry of 3 months from 6th instant arrangements may kindly be made for my being sent back to India. Finally I beg to assure you that I will have completed 14 months service by 6th March next and during these months I have done my best to discharge my duties to the entire satisfaction of my superiors and have entire hope of being favored with all possible indulgence in connection with my discharge from the Protectorate service.

In conclusion I beg to express my regret at my early application for discharge and consequently at my not fulfilling the long cherished desire of serving the British Crown here owing to unforeseen circumstances.

Requesting your favor again and again.

I beg &c.,

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(sgd) Rustom Ali Vety Asst
Transport Department

Enclosure No in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

Zungeru, 23rd January, 1907.

From the Secretary to the Administration of Northern Nigeria

To All Indian Clerks

In reply to your letter in which you tender the resignation of your engagement under this Government, I regret to have to inform you that having given careful consideration to the matter I am unable in the absence of special sanction from the Secretary of State to accept such resignation except in accordance with the terms explicitly mentioned in Section 8 (2) of your Agreement.

Those terms are :-

(a) Three months' notice in writing or in the alternative the payment of one month's salary.

(b) Repaying cost of your passage from India to the Protectorate.

(c) Paying cost of your passage to India.

In the event of any special instructions however being received from the Secretary of State which would enable me to modify the above-mentioned terms of your agreement I will immediately let you know.

(sgd) M. H. D. Beresford

Secretary to the Administration

for Acting High Commissioner.

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

Zungeru, 26th January, 1907

From The Secretary to the Administration of Northern Nigeria

To The Indian Clerks

In continuation of my meo of the 23rd instant, I have to inform you that the Secretary of State has approved of this Administration waiving its claim to the refund by you of the cost of your passage to Northern Nigeria. You will however be required to pay the cost of your passage back to India. I must request that you will, through the Head of your Department inform me at an early date whether you desire ~~that you desire~~ that your resignation shall be accepted on three months' notice or whether you desire to pay one month' salary in lieu of notice.

In either case you will be required to pay the cost of your passage back to India.

(sgd) M. H. D. Beresford

Secretary to the Administration
for Acting High Commissioner

Certified true copy

W. Scott Grant
Asst: Secretary

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Reference Paper. Financial Department.

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Register No. F. 2925/07 Rec. 19th Apr. 1907.

Referred to the Military Secretary 20th day of April 1907.

As this letter is in continuation of correspondence which has been dealt with in the Military Dept., does the Military Secretary agree to its transfer to his Dept.?

F Newmarch

Transferred accordingly. No action is necessary on this letter in connection with the question of pension contribution.

23rd April 1907

F Newmarch

M 5289 1907.

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A copy of the correspondence will be sent to the Govt. of India if the papers are transferred to this Dept. I presume that the Financial Secretary will deal with the question of pension contribution.

[signature]

General,
Military Secretary.

22 April 1907

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 12684/1907.

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Downing Street,

18 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, in continuation of the letter from this Department of the 28th of February last, the enclosed copy of correspondence relating to the resignation by Mr. Malak Jan Mohammed of his appointment as one of the Indian native Clerks in Northern Nigeria.

2. It will be seen that a passage to Karachi is being provided for Mr. Jan Mohammed in the British India Company's steamer leaving London on the 20th instant.

3. Lord Elgin has seen the correspondence which has passed between the India Office and the Crown Agents with regard to the payment of the pension contributions of those among the Indian natives employed in Northern Nigeria who hold pensionable appointments in India. From the printed enclosures to your letter to this Department No. [illegible].9478 of the 6th of February last it appears that Mr. Malak Jan Mohammed is one of these, the Indian appointment in question being one in the office of the Postmaster General of the Punjaub. It also appears from the same print that on his leaving that post for service in Northern Nigeria he was granted leave

The Under Secretary of State,
INDIA OFFICE.

RECEIVED
1 p.m.
19 APR. 1907
INDIA OFFICE.

Beresford, Confl. 31st January.
Beresford, Confl. 7th February.
Malak Jan Mohammed to C.O. 12th March.
P.Manson to C.O. 10th April.
to Mr.Jan Mohammed 18 April.
to Cr.Agents. 18 April.

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leave of absence for three years and six months. From your letter to the Crown Agents No.F.9508 of the 31st of January last it appeared doubtful whether, in view of the grant of this leave, any pension contributions were payable by Northern Nigeria and at the time of the Crown Agents letter to you of the 6th of February last the net position was that, pending further information, none had been paid by the Protectorate Government. It will no doubt be explained to the Crown Agents definitely in due course whether any pension contributions are to be paid by Northern Nigeria in respect of Mr. Jan Mohammed, and, in that case, it would also no doubt be made clear both from what date the contributions began, and on what date they cease to be payable. You will observe that a copy of this letter is being sent to the Crown Agents.

4. In conclusion I am to point out that of the two despatches from Mr. Beresford of which copies accompany the present letter, the first (dated 31st January 1907) refers to the cases of all those Indians who have resigned and not to Mr. Jan Mohammed only. It seems, however, most convenient to send the whole despatch with the present letter, and reference will be made to it when writing to you about the other individual cases with which it deals.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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NORTHERN NIGERIA

Confidential

Government House,

Zungeru, 6th February, 1907

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that Indian Clerk Jan Mohammed having elected, under Clause 8 (2) of his Agreement with this Government, to pay into the Treasury one month's pay and the cost of his passage to England, I have caused him to be supplied with a Second Class passage by the steamer timed to leave Burutu on the 18th instant. He has received all the salary to which he is entitled.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most,
Obedient humble Servant,

M. H. D. Beresford

for Acting High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable,
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Copy.

The Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, London, S.W.

My Lord,

Amidst the multiplicity of affairs in which your high office engages you I venture to submit the following few lines for your Lordship's perusal and favourable consideration.

2. I was one of the ten Indian Clerks selected for service in Northern Nigeria for a term of three years on £208 (two hundred and eight only) per annum. The ambition of serving the Colonial Government in so distant a land, with the zeal and energy of a loyal British Indian subject, prompted me to obtain the permission of my Head of Department, (Postmaster General Pubjab), to accept the post. But unfortunately the circumstances stated below, over which I naturally could have no control enforced my premature return.

3. Hardly over one month had elapsed since my arrival in the Protectorate when the trying West African climate, which eventually proved quite unsuitable to my constitution began to produce its injurious effects upon me. I have had to suffer from several attacks of fever and other complaints of kindred nature, with the result that my health is broken and that besides the general debility I feel constant head-ache. In consequence of both of my eyes watering I have become somewhat short-sighted. To my great misfortune I was the only one out of the whole lot who suffered so badly from the climatic difficulties

service. But my ill-health though admitted on all hands was never treated so seriously as by myself who was tired to suffer from it any longer. No reply in the affirmative or negative was vouchsafed to my representation. However my local pay for January 1907 (£5.6.8) was forfeited and the family allotment (£12.0.0.) stopped by a telegram to the Crown Agents. I might be permitted to state here that instead of £5.6.8 hitherto I had received locally £1.17.4 per mensem only, the balance £3.9.4 being deducted to cover the advance of 3 months' pay made to me before leaving India. The difficulty I was subjected to thus was by far the largest one. I had nothing to pay my servant and the washerman to say nothing of the other private expenditure incurred during the month preceding. On the other hand the sufferings of my people at home for want of money can well be imagined. This was not all. Though already very well known that I had nothing in cash the recovery of £22.10.0 being the passage to England was enforced. How could I meet this demand I could possibly find no way except as my last resource to dispose of my personal effects and to obtain loans. Such athing was very humiliating but could not be helped and I could thereby realize about £15.0.0 only. By the further forfeiture of my pay for the 1st seven days of February 1907 the difference was met.

4. My extremely deplorable circumstances deserved decidedly a much more generous treatment than that accorded to another Indian clerk, named Nazar Mohammed who resigned voluntarily and not under the impulse which has goaded me. Accordingly,

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I venture to lay my appeal before your Lordship and beg that you would be graciously pleased to take into consideration the signs of general debility, which are so clear and so significant in me that I am afraid I may not grow still more worse, and as provided in clause 6 of the Agreement to order the grant of

(a) Free passages from Northern Nigeria to India & a 2nd class Railway fare to Labore R.S.

(b) Pay at the rate of £17.6.8 per mensem for the period from 1st January 1907 to the date of my resumption of duty in the office of P.M.G.Punjab.

(c) Holiday leave and clothing.

(d) Refund of passage recovered at Zungeru £22.10.0

(e) " Railway fare from Plymouth to Paddington Station (21/3) & luggage charges &c. 4/- 1. 5.3

(f) Compensation and detention allowance at the rate of 10/- already admitted and recommended by Sir F.Lugard about 14. 0.0

(g) Do.for the period of detention in London from 8th March 1907 to date of departure from the port of embarkation.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd) MALAK JAN MOHAMMED

20 Seymour Street,

London,N.W.

12.3.1907.

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COPY

21, Queen Anne Street,
Cavendish Square, W.
10th April, 1907.

Sir,

I have to-day examined Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed and have the honour to report that he is very anaemic and that his spleen is enlarged. He is quite fit to leave for India at once; indeed, it is advisable he should seek a warmer climate than England as soon as possible.

I am &c.,

(SGD) PATRICK MANSON.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

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COPY

12684/1907.

Downing Street,

18 April, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that Sir Patrick Manson has reported, as the result of his examination of you on the 10th instant, that you are quite fit to leave for India at once.

2. I am at the same time to state that Lord Elgin has considered your letter of the 12th of March. The Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria has explained the circumstances in which you resigned your appointment in that Protectorate, and Lord Elgin sees no reason for interfering with or altering the action that has been taken in your case. You should therefore sail for India on Saturday the 20th instant, as is being arranged for you by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, after signing the agreement which they have instructions to enter into with you by which you will be liable for the refund of your share of the hotel expenses while in London and also of the cost of your passage back from England to India. This refund will be made by gradual instalments which will be arranged through the Government of India.

3. It has been explained to the India Office that you are leaving for India on the 20th instant.

I am &c.,

(SGD)

MR. MALAK JAN MOHAMMED.

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PRESSING

12684/1907. Downing Street,

18 April,1907.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter which has been addressed to Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed, one of the natives of India who has recently resigned his appointment as a Clerk in Northern Nigeria, regarding his sailing for India on the 20th instant.

2. I am to request that you will provide him with a passage to Karachi by the British India Company's steamer leaving London on the 20th instant and enter into the agreement referred to in the letter to Mr.Jan Mohammed as to the refund of the cost of this passage and of his share of the hotel expenses in England.

3. I am to request that you will inform me in due course what sum Mr.Jan Mohammed is liable for in respect of this agreement, so that the Government of India may be informed with a view to the recovery of the sum from Mr.Jan Mohammed.

4. Lord Elgin observes from the correspondence (which he has perused) which has passed between the Secretary in Northern Nigeria, you, and the India Office, with regard to the payment in India of allotments from the salary of certain of the Indians employed in Northern Nigeria

O. to Mr. Malak
n Mohammed
pril, 1907.

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

Nigeria that in the case of Mr.Jan Mohammed an allotment of £12 a month has been paid since the 1st of October last but that this arrangement was cancelled by a telegram from the Secretary to the administration of Northern Nigeria to you of the 18th of January last. You will doubtless inform the Protectorate Government in due course what is the total amount of the allotments paid in India on behalf of Mr.Jan Mohammed so that the Protectorate authorities may know definitely that there is no outstanding sum due either from or to Mr.Jan Mohammed.

C.O.to I.O. April,1907.

5. I am at the same time to enclose a copy of a letter which has been sent to the India Office about Mr.Malak Jan Mohammed's return to India.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

R.L.ANTROBUS.

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NORTHERN NIGERIA

Government House,

Confidential

Zungeru, 31st January, 1907

My Lord,

With reference to previous correspondence ending with my Confidential despatch of the 29th November last, and in confirmation of my telegram of the 19th instant, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that two Indian Supervisors of the Public Works Department (the resignation of one of whom is reported in a separate despatch of even date) one Veterinary Assistant of the Transport Department and five Indian Clerks have resigned their appointments. Only one of these Clerks Malak Jan Mahammed had given any notification of intention to resign before the result of certain Police proceedings were made known. It would appear that there was considerable ill-feeling existing between two sections of the Indians employed in Zungeru seven of them viz: Sayad Hakim Shah, Nazar Mohammed, Mohammed Fazal Rhaman, B. D. Hassan, Fazal Ahmed, Fazal Din and M. Mobin and two of the remaining three, viz: Ahmad Deen and Ram Chander Sunkar. The seven first named were charged by the Police on two counts. 1st Assault on Ahmad Deen and Ram Chander Sunkar and 2nd Rioting. The Cantonment Magistrate dismissed the second charge but found

The Right Honourable,

The Secretary of State

for the Colonies.

found all the defendants guilty on the first charge. They were fined £5 or one month's imprisonment and required to enter into security to keep the peace for six months. The fines were paid. The Veterinary Assistant and Malak Jan Mohammed one of the Clerks who have resigned were not concerned in these proceedings. Nazar Mohammed I have already reported on in previous correspondence ending with my Confidential despatch of the 26th ultimo.

2. I will now proceed to deal with each separat case of resignation; but I would first point out that the decision was given by the Cantonment Magistrate on Saturday the 22nd December and on Monday the 24th idem the series of resignations began:-

Mr Sayad Hakim Shah. Clerk, Secretariat salary £216 per annum. I attach a copy of his notice of resignation dated 24th December and also of a letter received from him when asked for his reasons for resigning. I do not think any comment from me is necessary in this case. The Secretary to the Administration in his report enclosed in my Confidential despatch of the 29th November last has already remarked on the unsatisfactory conduct of this Clerk. It is difficult to get him to do any but a very small portion of the work he should do. Mr Shah was one of the defendants in the above mentioned case. I will in a subsequent despatch make recommendations for filling the vacancy created by his resignation.

Mohammed Fazal Rhaman. Clerk in Treasury, salary £184 per annum. I enclose copy of his resignation dated 24th December and also copy of a letter from him purporting to be in explanation of the reasons for resignation

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resignation. In the report forwarded to Your Lordship the Treasurer stated that Mr Rhaman worked diligently but was not, he considered, worth the pay given him. He was a defendant in the case mentioned.

Mr Badruddin Hassan. Clerk Treasury salary £184 per annum. This Clerk first applied to be invalided under Clause 6 (1) of his Agreement vide his letter of the 24th December enclosed. I enclose the Report of the Medical Board appointed by me to examine this Clerk. Your Lordship will observe that the Board found him to be in good health. It was obvious that Mr Hassan in complaining of bad health was seeking a pretext for returning to India under the most favourable conditions. This Clerk protested against the finding of the Medical Board but I saw no reason to treat him any differently to the rest of the Clerks who have resigned. He was one of the defendants in the case mentioned.

Mr Fazal Ahmed. Clerk, Transport Department salary £200 per annum. This Clerk applied to be invalided in his letter of the 5th January, copy enclosed. A Medical Board was appointed. I enclose its Report. I also attach a further letter from Mr Ahmed submitted by him when he had been informed of the finding of the Board. I saw no reason for giving this man exceptional treatment. He was one of the defendants mentioned. It is to be regretted that this man adopted the attitude he did because he was considered, by the Chief Transport Officer, to be an efficient Clerk.

Mr Mohammed Mubin. Supervisor Public Works Department salary £250 - £350 by £10. I attach copy of letter of resignation dated the 24th December. He was one of the defendants. The Director of Public Works has

reported

reported favourably on the work of this man but I do not consider it desirable that he should be treated on any better terms than the others.

Mr Malak Jan Mahommed. Indian Clerk, Public Works Department salary $208 per annum. This Clerk applied to be invalided but the Deputy Principal Medical Officer to whom the matter was referred reported as follows:- "It would appear from the Medical Officer's "investigation this morning that Mr Jan Malak's con- "dition is not one of immediate gravity, and that a "fevered imagination rather than a fevered body together "with the abuse of drugs is probably more reponsible "than the climate. He will be taken into Hospital for a few days for observation". Mr Mahommed after being in Hospital a few days was discharged as fit for duty. He was most unfavourably reported on by the Director of Public Works. As I have mentioned Mr M. J. Mahommed was not concerned in the Police case referred to.

Mr Rustam Ali. Veterinary Assistant, Transport Department salary $84 per annum. I attach his resignation dated the 3rd December. This man was not concerned in the Police case. I saw no reason however to make an exception in his case.

3. Your Lorship will no doubt observe that these resignations are apparently the result of concerted action on the part of the persons concerned. I do not consider that any of them are entitled to special consideration nor do I recommend their being treated in any other manner than under the terms of their Agreement as modified by Your Lordship's telegram above referred to. These men were fully aware of the inconvenience and expense they were putting the Government to by their action. They were filling the offices

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of high grade Clerks and it will be most difficult to obtain men to fill the posts vacated by them. When they were appointed to Northern Nigeria Senior Clerks were transferred to other Departments to make room for them and they cannot now be brought back to their old posts.

4. I attach a copy of a memo I caused to be sent to the persons concerned before Your Lordship was cabled to and also a copy of a second memo which was addressed to them when Your Lordship's reply was received.

5. I trust Your Lordship will approve the action I have taken in this matter. I will endeavour to arrange that the Indians mentioned in this despatch, who all refuse to withdraw their resignations, shall leave the Protectorate by the same steamer.

To ensure their having money to pay the cost of their passages to England and so not become a burden on the Government at the expiry of the three months' notice, I am instructing the Treasurer to make deductions monthly from their salaries for this purpose.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most,
Obedient humble Servant,

M.H.D. Beresford

for Acting High Commissioner.

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Enclosure No.1 in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

To The Secretary to the Administration

Northern Nigeria, Zungeru.

Sir,

I would respectfully beg leave to state that in the existing circumstances I am entirely unable to live here. Consequently I tender my resignation which I hope you will kindly accept. I shall be highly obliged if you generously arrange my passage at a date as early as possible.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) Sayad Hakim Shah

Secretariat

Dated the 24th Dec 1906

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

Enclosure in despatch Confidential of the 30th January, 1907

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3rd January, 1907

Sir,

In compliance with your verbal orders of yesterday I advance the following reasons which have made me resign my appointment in this Prtectorate.

Since the time of my arrival her I have received the worst treatment from all sides. The attitude of Officers towards me has been mery strange. The work given me is otherwise than suitable. Besides I have been slighted, looked down, and insulted in many ways and have been put to unnecessary troubles.- and continuous unrest and discomfort of my mind caused by state of things, have told very heavily upon my health. These are, inter alia, the circumstances which have made the place too hot for me to live here.

I would, therefore, solicit the favour of being sent back to India by as early a date as possible of which obligation I shall ever be mindful.

Yours &c.,

(sgd) Sayad Hakim Shah

Secretariat

Dated Zungeru the

3rd January 1907

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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Enclosure No. in Confidentual despatch of 30th Jan: 1907

To The Treasurer

Zungeru.

Sir,

I extremely regret that under the existing circumstances I am compelled to tender my resignation in the fervent hope that it will be forwarded to His Excellency the High Commissioner for his favourable consideration.

I also beg that necessary arrangements for my passage may be made as early as possible, beacuse I am afraid of further troubles in this foreign country, where I find no one to help me.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) M. F. Rahman

Indian Clerk.

Dated the 24th of Dece: 06

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

Treasurer,

My reasons for tender of my tesignation are quite obvious and heed not be put in black and white, if one has the slightest sense of self-respect he will not suffer himself to live here. Notwithstanding I have been in poor health, notwithstanding I have been suffering from a serious ailment the cause of which I cannot ascribe to the Nigerian climate, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory arrangements of rations, notwithstanding the most objectionable treatment whihh I have been given by officers and which cannot be expectedeven in the case of a menial servant, I put forth my whole strength to adapt myself to lead a rough life in this land- and have tried my utmost to perform my duties to the best of my abilities, and yet I have been that all my endeavours and efforts have made the matter worse and worse.

To complete my misfortune a case was got up and the decision which was passed therein frighten me beyond measure and I am sure that justice cannot be expected to be meted to a contemptible and humble foreigner like myself, who is considered liable to all sorts of indignities, hence this my resignation with the prayer that I may be sent back to India by the first opportunity.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) M. F. Rahman.

Indian Clerk

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Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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Enclosure No. in despatch Confidential of 30th Jan: 1907

To The Treasurer

Zungeru

Sir,

I regret to find myself under the present circumstances compelled to ask for my quite premature return to India and shall be extremely grateful if arrangements are kindly made for my passage by the next mail.

My life on account of the Medical reasons already reported by me, and my honour on account of the treatment received here, are both in danger. I am afraid I may not fall a victim to any further troubles in a country where I am quite friendless.

I have a mind to consult Medical Authorities in England about the weakness of my brain, contracted through hard climate of this country. Specially because it often bedomes quite blunt and useless in the day, when I cannot recollect anything and become quite useless to work.

Requesting that immediate steps may graciously be taken to relieve me as a very special case.

I have, &c.,

(sgd) Badruddin Hassan

Indian Clerk

Treasury

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Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 48 para. 2

Dated 22. 3. 1907.

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2. I forward herewith copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office regarding the return to India of eight Indian Clerks who have resigned their appointments in Northern Nigeria.

M 2934.

* Dated 28th February 1907.

(Sent in advance by mail of 8th March 1907.)

[*In continuation of paragraph* 2 *of my Military Despatch No.* 28, *dated* 15*th February* 1907.]

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 3.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

M 2934 1907.

Addressed to—

The Secretary to the Government of India,

M. S. ~~Army~~ Department.

INDIA OFFICE,

5 MAR. 1907

DEAR SIR,

I forward herewith a copy of a paragraph regarding the return to India of eight clerks recently employed in Northern Nigeria which will be included in a Military Despatch shortly to be sent to the Viceroy.

Yours truly,

(Sd) E. STEDMAN,

General,

Military Secretary.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 7272/1907.

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Downing Street,

28 February 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Morley that eight of the natives of India who have been employed as clerks in Northern Nigeria have resigned their posts and are proceeding to this country, on return to India, by the steamer which left Burutu on the 18th of February.

2. Under the terms of their agreements, the Indian clerks have been required to provide their own passages on return, and no further payment is accordingly due to them from the funds of Northern Nigeria, in respect of pay, passages, or travelling expenses.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 28 para. 2

Dated 15th February 1907.

2. I forward herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office, regarding the circumstances under which Sheikh Nazar Mohammed, an Indian Clerk, lately employed in Northern Nigeria, resigned his appointment and was sent back to India.

M 1548.

*Dated 28th January 1907, and enclosure.

[*In continuation of my telegram dated 2nd February* 1907.]

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DRAFT PARA. OF MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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[~~*In reply to Para.*~~ ~~*of your*~~
In continuation of my telegram
~~*Despatch in the*~~
~~*Department,*~~ *No.* ,
dated 2 Feby 1907.]

d. 28 Jan. 1907 encl.

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I forward herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Govt., copy of a letter from the Colonial Office regarding the circumstances under which Sheikh Nazar Mahommed an Indian Clerk lately employed in Northern Nigeria ~~was sent to~~ resigned his appointment and was sent back to India.

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The Colonial Office requests that a telegram may be sent to India asking that arrangements may be made to send Sheikh Nazar Mahommed an Indian Clerk lately employed in Northern Nigeria from Karachi to Lahore, he having embarked for India.

Draft telegram submitted:
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S. of S. to Viceroy, ~~Army~~ Mily. Supply Dept.

Nazar

(Form 15.)

17354. I. 897. 2000.—5/1906.

Nazar Mahommed, Clerk, Northern Nigeria has embarked (Liverpool on "Crosby Hall") for Karachi 26th Jany.

Colonial Office requests that he may be sent Lahore.

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It is also proposed to send a copy of the correspondence forwarded by the Colonial Office to the Govt. of India. Draft paragraph submitted:

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 2829/1906-07

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Downing Street,

28 January, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, for the information of Mr.Secretary Morley, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria having reference to the resignation of Sheikh Nazar Mahommed, an Indian clerk employed in the Secretariat of the Protectorate, I am further to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies from which it will be observed that Nazar Mohammed has embarked for Kurachi and has been granted a free passage.

O.A.G.Conf.6th Dec.
O.A.G.conf.26 Dec.
C.O.to C.A. 28 Jan.
C.O.to O.A.G.28Jan.

2, I am to ask you to move Mr.Morley to request the Government of India by telegram to make arrangements for the return of this man from Kurachi to Lahore. The expenses necessarily incurred by Nazar Mohammed, will be refunded by the Government of Northern Nigeria.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R.L. Antrobus

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
INDIA OFFICE.

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INDIA OFFICE.

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NORTHERN NIGERIA

DOWNING STREET,

CONFIDENTIAL

28 January, 1907.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatches of the 6th, 13th and 26th of December having reference to the resignation of Sheikh Nazar Mohammed, an Indian clerk, and in reply to inform you that I approve of the proposals contained in the 6th paragraph of your despatch of the 6th of December

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies, as you will observe from the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to them by my direction, have been instructed to issue a free passage to Nazar Mohammed, and to pay his travelling expenses from Plymouth to London, and thence to Liverpool.

28 Jan.

3. The Secretary of State for India has been informed of Nazar Mohammed's resignation and I have requested that arrangements may be made for his return to Lahore from Kurachi. In the circumstances of the case I have approved of his being granted his travelling expenses for this part of his journey also.

I have etc.,

(Sd) ELGIN

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MEMORANDUM.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Dated 189 .

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NORT[illegible] NIGERIA

Government House,

Confidential

Zungeru, 6th December, 1906

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that Sheik Nazar Mohammed an Indian Clerk in the Secretariat has tendered the resignation, which I have accepted, of his appointment by giving three months notice in writing under section 8 (2) of the Agreement entered into with him by Mr P. Carrigan. The period of notice will expire on the 2nd February next. The following are the circumstances of the case.

2. The Secretary had on several occasions reason to complain of the manner in which Nazar Mohammed was keeping the Index Book of Correspondence, which was the work allotted to him, and after frequent warnings which resulted in corresponding promises by Nazar Mohammed that he would be more careful and industrious finding on the 2nd of November that this Clerk's work was getting into such hopeless confusion and arrears informed him that the Index Book would be handed over to another Clerk and that he would be given other work to do. Nazar Mohammed immediately submitted personally the enclosed letter marked "A" tendering his resignation. The Secretary urged him

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2nd Nov: 1906

The Right Honourable,
The Secretary of State
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him to state his reasons in writing for resigning so that they might be submitted to me with his resignation. Nazar Mohammed replied that he had no reasons which he could put in writing. His resignation was however kept back four days by the Secretary to enable this clerk to consider the matter and submit any explanation he desired. He took no action during this period although repeatedly spoken to. Mr Beresford who has throughout, I consider, treated this Clerk with great forbearance made a suggestion to me which I approved that a Committee of Officers outside the Department should examine and report on Nazar Mohammed's work. Their report is attached marked "B". On receipt of this report I, as stated above, accepted his resignation.

Report
5th Nov: 1906

Mohammed
Nov: 1906

3. When my decision was communicated to Nazar Mohammed he submitted letters marked "C" and "D". I wish to lay a certain amount of stress on this point that it was not until he was informed that his resignation had been accepted that he prepared to give any reason verbally or in writing for his action.

4. I would desire to quote to Your Lordship following paragraphs of a memorandum written by Secretary in submitting letter marked "C".

2nd of November I called on Nazar Mohammed mit in writing his reasons for resigning. He my memorandum back to me and declined to giv planation in writing although I pressed him I told him that any representations he had must be so made. It is absolutely untrue was led to believe that after the despatch rticular mail that I would listen to what

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he had to say. He had no reason to be sure that he would be heard verbally because I distinctly told him that his remarks must be made in writing for Your Excellency's consideration. He then assured me that he had no reasons which he could put in writing and asked that his three months notice might be approved.

I am strongly of opinion that Nazar Mohammed has not discharged his duties to the best of his ability, nor has he tried to give entire satisfaction. His work throughout has been very unsatisfactory and he is most resentful of control.

It was not until I had talked to him severely as to the backward state of his work and directed him to bring it up to date that he worked after Office hours. He would see other clerks working overtime day after day, without being told, and make no effort to do so himself. I presume he means by his "Assistant" the clerk who had charge of the second Register of Minute Papers. This Clerk is one of the most efficient I have and I know that he did what he could to help Nazar Mohammed. With regard to his other remarks in this paragraph. I would refer Your Excellency to the Memoranda by Mr Hodges and Mr Cocks attached. I may add that on several occasions he was shown what should be done by the other Assistant Secretaries.

This paragraph I am almost tempted to leave without comment as I am certain that Your Excellency will not for one moment credit the charge that either of the Assistant Secretaries would support the African Clerks in unfair treatment of their Indian Colleagues. I only comment in justice to the Chief Clerk because I must say that whatever he may have felt in having a clerk under him with larger emoluments than his own he has,

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to my certain knowledge, given Nazar Mohammed as much, and even more, assistance than the latter had a right to expect in an Office where the Clerks are always working at high pressure."

5. Under all the circumstances of the case and bearing in mind the influence such a man would have on the other Clerks in the Office were he to remain in Northern Nigeria, I have caused him to be instructed that the remaining period of his three months notice should be taken up by his voyage back to India and that he should leave by the boat expected to sail from Burutu on the 22nd instant. It would have been very difficult to find suitable work for Nazar Mohammed in another Department because he is a very untidy and inaccurate Clerk and as the Secretary says in the memorandum quoted above his work throughout has been very unsatisfactory and he is most resentful of control. It is not to be supposed that this Clerk in view of his record in the Secretariat would be able to perform the duties which should fall to a Clerk of his grade in another Department.

6. When Nazar Mohammed was appointed he received an advance of three months salary of this amount he has refunded all but £1.18.4. The cost of his passage from India was £39.3.4 (that is the actual cost of the passage tickets only). I propose that his salary from the 1st of December to the 2nd of February on which date the three months notice expires should be retained by this Government as a part recovery of the cost of his passage here and of the balance of the Advance. That would mean an actual loss to the Protectorate on this account of £41.1.8 - £34.10.5

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or £6.11.3. With regard to his homeward passage I have subject to Your Lordship's approval issued a free ticket as it would appear useless to call on Nazar Mohammed to pay this in addition to the other amount.

7. I have reported this case fully because I have no doubt that representations will be made to the Colonial Office on this man's behalf and I desire to put Your Lordship in full possession of the facts of the case.

8. If Your Lordship approves of the action I have taken in regard to the outlay on passages for this man and of his being provided with a free passage to India. I shall be glad if the Crown Agents may be instructed to obtain an Intermediate passage ticket for him to India costing £16.13.4.

Secretary to Nazar Mohammed dated 5/12/06

9. I attach a copy of a letter which I have caused to be addressed to Nazar Mohammed on this matter. He has been instructed to report himself on arrival in England to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's most,
Obedient humble Servant,

Wm Wallace

Acting High Commissioner.

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2nd November, 1906

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To The Secretary to the Administration
Northern Nigeria
Zungeru.

Sir,

According to the terms of my Agreement I most respectfully beg to resign my post and request that my this application may be treated as a three months notice from this date.

I beg &c.,

(sgd) Nazar Mohammed

Indian Clerk

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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Zungeru,

5th November, 1906

The Secretary,

With reference to our inspection of the Index Ledger and Minute Paper covers shown to us this morning we beg to state that we consider the clerical work has been badly and carelessly done, and are of the opinion that the clerk (Nazar Mohammed) employed upon this work is unfitted to perform it.

(sgd) D. A. Wallbach, S.T.O.
(sgd) J. C. Fisher, Ag: L.A.
(sgd) W. K. Fraser, Asst: H.C.'s Office

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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To The Secretary to the Administration

Northern Nigeria

10th November, 1906

Sir,

I most humbly beg to draw your kind attention to the fact that I am a Government servant holding a permanent pensionable employment in India and that my services were transferred to this Government from 9th January 1906. As I have resigned my present appointment under this Government putting in one year's service I very respectfully beg to state that the pay of the period of the voyage to India should be paid by this Government to count towards my pension as done from India to Northern Nigeria and there should be no break in my service according to the Indian Civil Service Regulations.

I beg &c.,

(sgd) Nazar Mohammed

Indian Clerk

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To The Secretary to the Administration

Northern Nigeria

Sir,

1. Referring to your letter dated the 8th instant I am surprised to see that my resignation has been accepted by His Excellency the High Commissioner without taking my reasons for my having been compelled to submit my resignation. On the 3rd instant when I gave you back my resignation and the original note from your goodself asking my reasons I was led to understand that after disposal of mail and other important papers then in your hands you would call for me and listen to what I had to say in connection with my resignation; but this has been entirely ignored and as it was imperative I was sure that I would be given a hearing before any further steps were taken, however I find it compulsory now to submit an explanation with the explicit hope that you will be pleased to submit same for due consideration of His Excellency, the High Commissioner.

2. Since my arrival I have been posted in your office and to the best of my ability I have discharged my duties and tried my utmost to give entire satisfaction. I have worked very hard even at the sacrifice of my health after office hours sometime until 5 p.m. (vide office attendance book) have never allowed my work to fall into arrears though it was entirely new to me, the routine of the Record work in this Protectorate being quite different from what we have in India. Furthermore my Assistant and other Clerks, instead of giving me any sort of help have deliberately misled me in this important and heavy work and you are fully aware that the work of the Record Branch is not an easy task and requires much experience. Even at the

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sacrifice of my hard work the Chief Assistant misled by Chief Clerk asked me to make over my work to Mr Swaniker on the 2nd instant without pointing out to me any misconceptions in my work, you are probably not aware that I have had not only to write out minute papers but in addition I have had to trace papers for the past 5 years and Index them in the Register and despite all these difficulties I have been treated very badly by Chief Clerk from the day I have joined your Office and more especially by the Chief Assistant to whom the former has been misrepresenting all frivolous complainss quite unknown to me simply because I am Indian Clerk of which fact all Officers in the Protectorate are fully well aware. I am quite in dark up to this date why the Record Work has been taken from me, if it is, that I have not worked to your satisfaction I believe I should have been asked at least to explain any mistake or delay which occurred at my hands. I have of course always avoided bringing this matter to your notice being under the impression that my statement would carry little or no weight in the face of that of Chief Assistant.

3. Under these circumstances you will be pleased to judge of my grudge of the illtreatment by you office clerk especially Chief Clerk under whom I have been placed. It is not far wide of the point to state that the Chief Assistant relies upon Chief Clerk who is clever enough to deceive him. The grudge and bitter enmity which the Native clerks bear towards the Indian Clerks are too clear to need any comments. It can better be engained than described in what helpless condition an Indian clerk is when the native clerks (who are so inimically disposed towards Indian Clerks) are supported by a European Officer. We cannot withstand European Officers, and I have tendered my resignation fearing lest

lest there may be in store some great troubles for me. I shall therefore thank you to request the High Commissioner to reconsider my resignation together with this my humble statement and give me a fair and final enquiry into this particular matter for which I shall feel highly thankful.

I hag &c.,

(sgd) Nazar Mohammed

Indian Clerk

Dated Zungeru
the 12th November 1906

Certified true copy

Asst: Secretary

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From the Acting Chief Assistant

To the Secretary to the Administration

15th November, 1906

With reference to Nazar Mohammed's complaint regarding his treatment by myself, the Chief Clerk and certain Junior Clerks I have the honour to inform you that it is totally unfounded. It will be within your recollection that shortly after you returned from leave you spoke to the Senior Native Clerks and asked them to assist, to the best of their ability, the Indian Clerks both with their work and socially. I have every reason to think that your wishes in the matter were fully complied with.

I note that Nazar Mohammed's grounds for resigning are that he was given no reason for being relieved of his duties as Index Clerk. You will remember that sometime ago I had reason to write you a memorandum on this Clerk's work which was not satisfactory and as a result you interviewed him and intimated that if no improvement was forthcoming it would be necessary to give him some other work. No improvement was made, as a matter of fact the Index Book was in such a hopeless confusion and papers were so delayed that I was obliged once again to recommend for your consideration that Nazar Mohammed should be relieved of his duties as Index Clerk. I think my action was fully justified in view of the finding of the Board. I do not propose to make any comments on the allegations made against myself and the "deceit etc" practised upon me by the Chief Clerk since there was no foundation for such statements.

In conclusion I would like to say that Nazar Mohammed does not possess the capabilities necessary for a Senior Clerk in this Department, and it is due to this and to no other cause that he has proved such a hopeless failur

(sgd) Bertram Hodges.
Ag: Chief Asst: Secretary

From Assistant Secretary

To The Secretary to the Administration

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The Secretary,

Having been directed by you to record my opinion on the statements contained in the letter from Nazar Mohammed, I have the honour to report as follows:-

They are, so far as I can judge, a tissue of mis-statements, and were it not in justice to the clerks at whom his accusations are levelled, it would, I think, be unnecessary for me to say anything further.

Our Clerks - especially the seniors- have treated the Indians with every courtesy and consideration, and have done everything in their power to assist them to get into the routine of the office. It is only necessary to read Nazar Mohammad's letter, however, to see that this courtesy has not been appreciated. In his letter he refers to his inexperience; that he was inexperienced- and to a painful extent- when he first came to this office is only too true, and I think I am justified in saying that, were it not for the Forbearance and patience shewn by the African clerks during his first two months, he never would have been permitted to continue his work as long as he did. If the Assistant Secretaries have been misled, as he states, by the Chief Clerk, it is only in the sense that we were led to believe Nazar Mohammad was really better at his work than experience has since proved.

His work, instead of shewing an improvement, has deteriorated, and it is only necessary to glance at his books to see the inaccurate and slovenly manner in which he has carried out his duties.

The amount of work he has done during the time he has been in this office can in no way be compared to that of the African Clerks, and to get his books out of the muddle he got them into, it has been necessary for two clerks to work many hours overtime including the whole of one Sunday.

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I can only express a wish that for the general prestige of this Department he will not be allowed to remain here. Experience has taught us that everything he does must be checked by someone, and his work, without he shews a vast improvement, can never be a credit to any Department.

It is with regret I have had to write so adversely as I am fully aware of your anxiety that the introduction of the Indian should be a success, but a less adverse report would be simply misleading and not in accordance with facts.

(sgd) E. W. Cocks
Assistant Secretary

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Asst: Secretary

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From the Secretary to the Administration
Nort ern Nigeria

To Nazar Mohammed, Indian Clerk

5th December, 1906.

His Excellency the Acting High Commissioner has had under his consideration your letters of the 10th and 12th ultimo and directs me to communicate the following decision to you.

2. His Excellency accepts three months notice of your desire to terminate your appointment as from the 2nd November ultimo under section 8 (2) of your Agreement.

3. His Excellency has very carefully considered your letter of the 12th ultimo and is of opinion that no ground whatever exists for the charges brought and the insinuations made by you against certain Officers of this Department.

4. In view of the fact that it would not appear that you have not made yourself acquainted with any of the work of the Office on which you could be usefully employed other than that you were engaged on prior to the 2nd ultimo and which you did so unsatisfactorily, His Excellency directs that you leave Zungeru on the 12th instant to enable you to catch the steamer leaving Burutu on the 22nd idem.

5. Under the terms of your Agreement you are liable to be called on to pay the cost of your passage from India here and to pay your own expenses back but as His Excellency does not wish to treat you in any way harshly he has subject to the approval of the Secretary of State issued instructions for your to be given a free passage back to India. His Excellency has however decided that you must forfeit your salary for the months

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of December and January and two days in February next (£34.10.5) towards the refund of the balance of the advance made to you in India (£1.18.4) and the cost of your passage from that country to Northern Nigeria (£39.3.4) The remainder of your obligation in this respect His Excellency proposes to forego. But I must remind you that even this latter concession is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

6. In accordance with the above decision I must ask you to make immediate arrangemrnts for leaving Zungeru.

7. You should report your arrival in England to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

(sgd) M. H. D. Beresford

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My Lord,

In continuation of my confidential despatch of the 13th instant, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that Nazar Mohammed will proceed to England by the boat due to leave Burutu on or about the 5th proximo.

2. As reported in my despatch referred to, it was not possible for this Indian Clerk to leave Northern [illegible] date originally fixed proceedings having [illegible] the Police against him and six other [illegible]ssaulting three of their fellow countrym[illegible] [illegible]ends [illegible] were found guilty, one (Faz[illegible]

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Downing Street,

28 January, 1907.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you, in confirmation of semi-official communications which have taken place between you and this Office, that Sheikh Nazar Mohammed, a native of India, who has been employed in the Secretariat of Northern Nigeria has tendered his resignation which has been accepted as from the 2nd of February next and is being repatriated.

2. He has been paid his salary up to and inclusive of the 30th of November, but his salary from the 1st of December to the 2nd of February inclusive has been retained as a partial refund of advances made to him on account of salary and of his passage from India.

3. Lord Elgin approves of the payment to Nazar Mohammed of the sums of one pound three shillings and four pence and one pound five shillings for his travelling expenses respectively from Plymouth to London and from London to Liverpool, and of his being provided with a passage by the steamer "Crosby Hall" leaving Liverpool for Kurachi on the 26th of January. Lord Elgin understands that the cost of this passage is £16

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4. The India Office are being reque... arrangements with a view to his return to ...

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(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS.

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Dated 8th February 1907.

4. I forward herewith copy of a letter‡ from the Colonial Office regarding an Indian subordinate who has been invalided from Northern Nigeria.

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‡ Dated 17th January 1907.

[*With reference to paragraph* 25 *of my Predecessor's Military Despatch No.* 120, *dated* 10*th November* 1905.]

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Downing Street,
19 January, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria has reported that Feroze Khan, Indian Naik in the Transport Department of that Protectorate, has been invalided from the service and was to have left Burutu by the steamer due to leave that port on the 22nd of December.

I am to state that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested to make arrangements for this man's return to India and that he is said to be the son of Shammu of Adia in the Punjaub.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A Bertram (pp)

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